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NIGHTMARE END TO UNI DREAM

By MARIJKE COX

Thousands will lose out as student applications reach record levels

RECORD numbers of students will have their dreams shattered next week as Kent's universities prepare to turn thousands away.

It follows a massive increase in the number of applications, with the University of Kent alone seeing a 24 per cent rise since 2009 – more than double the national average of 11.6 per cent.

Admissions officers have said the clearing process – which matches students who fail or exceed in their A-level results to spare courses – will be "fast and furious" as they battle it out for limited places.

The high rise in applications across the country means in many cases clearing numbers are being slashed.

Universities minister David Willetts admitted that some top A-level students collecting their results on Thursday will miss out, despite the provision of an extra 10,000 places by the coalition Government.

Steve Holdcroft, head of information, recruitment and admissions at the University of Kent, said they received 30,000 applications this year for the 4,500 places available.

Some 250 extra clearing places were made accessible following a successful Government bid, but these are for specific courses such as science and languages. In total, the number of clearing places will be 350, making up just eight per cent of the university intake this year. In 2009, this figure was 12 per cent.

Mr Holdcroft said: "The number of applications we've had this year is significantly higher than the national average. It means the university can be more selective in terms of people we make offers to, but for students it means tough competition, making the whole process very stressful for them.

"We won't know exactly how many will lose out on a place as this really depends on the results next week."

Large fines for universities exceeding the set number of admitted students are being enforced by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, meaning institutions are remaining stringent during the intake process. At the University for the Creative Arts, which has campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester, application numbers rose by 30 per cent from 7,384 in 2009 to 9,647 in 2010.

But the university can only accept 1,834 students and no decision has been made yet on clearing vacancies.

Students collecting their A-level results are being told not to panic if they fail to get the grades they expected. But admissions officers are urging them to begin the clearing process as soon as possible on Thursday, otherwise they could be facing another year's wait before they get a place.

Bev Woodhams, head of recruitment for the University of Greenwich at Medway, said the clearing process will be very quick and frantic this year.

"Students need to do their research, get up early and get on the phone to universities," she said. "This year is unique – no one knows what's going to

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Funding cuts limit university places

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happen. We know applications are up, but we won't know how many students we will have to turn away until next week.

"We've been advising A-level students to do as much research as possible in case they don't do as well as expected or do better.

"They need to be quick – it's going to be fast and furious."

The University of Greenwich saw a rise from some 23,000 applications in 2009 to 24,000 in 2010 for the 5,000 places available.

Ms Woodhams said: "How many of these students are going to meet the criteria we don't know.

"Nothing can be decided yet, we'll just have to wait and see what happens this week."

Figures by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) last month showed a rise in applications of 11.6 per cent across the country to 660,953 from last year's figure of 592,312.

And tens of thousands may continue to apply before September's deadline, as fears of job shortages caused by the recession push people to go into higher education.

Increases

Canterbury Christ Church University – which has a total of about 15,000 students at its Canterbury, Medway, Broadstairs and Folkestone campuses – is expecting its highest ever intake.

Over the last four years the university has experienced a 67 per cent increase in UCAS applications.

Pressure follows a Government announcement earlier this year of a £200 million cut to the university budget, causing a limitation on places.

Nicola Dandridge, chief executive of Universities UK, said: "Funding restrictions from government means that universities will not be able to take on extra students to meet the demand.

"It is quite likely therefore that more qualified applicants will fail to secure places this year."

Some of the country's leading universities, including Birmingham and Bristol, are full to the brim on most courses and two universities in Wales declared themselves full a week before the results come out.

For more information and advice visit www.ucas.co.uk call the Exam Results Helpline on 0808 100 8000.

Our history to help make Britain the place to visit

KENT'S tourist board has welcomed David Cameron's vow to focus on Britain's heritage in a bid to become one of the world's top five tourist destinations, ***writes Marijke Cox***.

Speaking at the Serpentine Gallery in London, the Prime Minister said he would ditch Labour's Cool Britannia image in favour of a historical approach to help rebuild the struggling economy.

He stressed the importance of tourism, which contributes £115 billion to the British economy and employs nearly 10 per cent of its workforce.

During his speech, he referred to the historical town of Deal as one of the many seaside resorts he loved.

Reacting to his comments, Visit Kent chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh said she welcomed the endorsement.

"Already tourism contributes more than £2.5bn to the economy of Kent and Medway, supporting more than 50,000 jobs, and that is set to grow," she said.

"All the most recent predictions show that, as an industry, tourism is set to grow faster than nearly any other sector alongside construction and retail.

"In Kent we are perfectly placed to benefit from that boost to rebuilding our communities."

Kent and Medway boast a number of the country's top historical landmarks, including Hever Castle and the white cliffs of Dover.

DRAW: David Cameron mentioned Deal, of which the castle is just one attraction

The county also has some of the UK's best beaches, with nine of Thanet's sandy beaches flying the prestigious Blue Flags, which are awarded to Europe's top coastal destinations.

Preparations for the London 2012 Olympics are also well under way and dramatic images of Kent are currently on display around the city to tempt people away for a break in the county.

Mr Cameron's speech stressed the importance of developing local approaches to supporting and building the tourism industry.

Mrs Matthews-Marsh said: "Local development and delivery is the key to success.

"In Kent, tourism is well supported by all local authorities.

"Visit Kent works in partnerships with councils and tourism businesses to bring their visions to market and ensure the county enjoys the highest standards of tourism delivery and offers the warmest welcome to visitors from across the UK and overseas."

For more information about tourism in the county see www.visitkent.co.uk.

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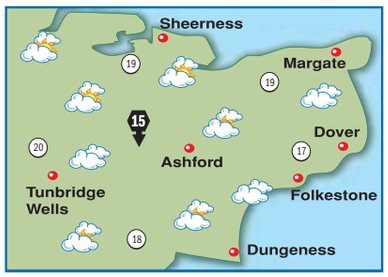

TODAY: Largely cloudy with showers and outbreaks of rain, heavy with the odd rumble of thunder during the morning. Moderate to fresh north to north-easterly winds. Max temp 17-20C (63-68F). **TONIGHT:** Cloudy and breezy with outbreaks of rain turning heavy and persistent. Min temp 11-14C (52-57F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	16	61	London	rain	20	68
Belfast	fair	19	66	Liverpool	fair	19	66
Birmingham	cloudy	19	66	Manchester	cloudy	19	66
B'mouth	cloudy	20	68	Newcastle	cloudy	16	61
Bristol	cloudy	19	66	Norwich	cloudy	18	64
Cardiff	cloudy	20	68	Oxford	cloudy	19	66
Cork	fair	20	68	Southsea	cloudy	20	68
Edinburgh	fair	18	64	S'hampton	cloudy	20	68
Glasgow	sun	19	66	Southport	fair	19	66
Isle of Man	fair	17	63	Swansea	fair	20	68
Leeds	cloudy	16	61	Torquay	cloudy	20	68

Sun & moon

Sunrise	5.40am	Sunset	8.19pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	1.11pm	Moonset	10.02pm	8.19pm to 5.41am

High Tides

	today				tomorrow			
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Dover	03.18	6.5	15.36	6.7	04.03	6.3	16.24	6.4
Margate	04.29	4.7	16.35	4.9	05.13	4.5	17.21	4.7
St Mary's	09.06	5.4	21.27	5.3	09.52	5.0	22.16	4.8

Week ahead

monday Rain and showers. max 20C min13C

tuesday Dull. Drizzle. max 21C min 12C

wednesday Cloudy with rain. max 21C min 12C

thursday Bright. Showers. max 20C min 12C

friday Heavy showers. max 21C min 12C

saturday Sunny spells. max 21C min 11C

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Dad of murdered actor wants knife crime talk with PM

By **MARIJKE COX**
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THE father of murdered Harry Potter actor Rob Knox is calling for a meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss ways to stop people carrying knives.

Colin Knox, who has been campaigning since his son's violent death in 2008, said the Government needed to show commitment in tackling the ongoing problem of knife crime.

He told KOS Media he believed there needed to be a mandatory six month custodial punishment for anyone found with a knife in their possession.

"This would be a strong deterrent – at the moment there are a lot of things happening to do with knife crime, but something is missing," he said.

"I read a Government document which came out in the early part of 2009 which showed that youths were laughing at the situation.

"There needs to be a clear cut punishment for carrying knives and I think this would stop people taking weapons out with them.

"All I'm asking for is 10 minutes with David Cameron to put forward my views and then he can listen to what I have to say and make a judgement."

He added: "The difference between a knife carrier and a murderer is a split second – something needs to be done."

LOSS: Rob Knox with his mother Sally INSET: Murderer Karl Bisho

Mr Knox's son Rob was just 18 when he was stabbed five times outside the Metro bar in Sidcup, on May 24, 2008.

The teenager appeared later that year as Marcus Belby in the blockbuster Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince and had signed up to take part in the seventh instalment of the series The Deathly Hallows before his life was cut short.

After his death it was discovered his killer Karl Bishop, 22, who will spend at least the next 20 years in prison, was already known to police as a "habitual knife-carrier" and had a previous conviction for a knife attack on two men.

Mr Knox, from Sidcup, said there were two types of knife carriers; the hardened criminals who used them to protect their wares, such as drugs, and the others who carried a knife because they thought they needed to.

"The criminals are something different – they use knives and guns to protect their drugs and wares and I don't know if they can be as easily stopped," he said.

"But for the others I think a custodial punishment would put them off carrying a knife."

Asked how this type of deterrent would affect people carrying knives for their trade, he said: "It comes down to common sense.

"I think police can tell the difference between someone carrying a knife for their work and a young person walking down the street, causing trouble, who has a knife on them."

Mr Knox vowed to continue his crusade to get knives off the streets.

"People say they carry knives to protect themselves, but this never seems to be the case when someone is murdered," he said.

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Men bailed over footballer attack

FIVE men accused of viciously attacking a former Bromley footballer while on holiday in Crete have been bailed following their extradition to Greece.

Curtis Taylor, 20; Daniel Bell, 21; Sean Branton, 20; and George Hollands, 22; all from Surrey; and Benjamin Herdman, 20, from Sussex, all face allegations of causing grievous bodily harm to Robbie Hughes but insist they are innocent.

They will all now be allowed to return to the UK once sureties ranging from about £2,500 to £9,900 have been paid.

Mr Hughes, 29, was in a coma and had three brain operations following the attack, in June, 2008.

A PENSIONER accused of killing his wife has been found dead at his Rainham home.

Alan Thomas, 79, was discovered at 9pm on Monday (August 9) following a call from a concerned resident.

A post mortem examination has revealed that he died from asphyxiation, but police are not treating the death as suspicious.

Mr Thomas had been charged with the murder of his wife, 77-year-old Winifred Thomas, at their home address on Sunday, May 9.

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Scorned lesbian's text blitz

A LOVELORN lesbian bombarded her ex-partner with 145 text messages in a day, a court was told.

Distraught Tammy Rye, 20, from Catford, south London, refused to stop calling Maidstone resident Sheryl O'Neill, or stop loitering outside her home in Vale Road, Parkwood.

And on May 18 Rye jumped onto the bonnet of her former partner's car, smashing the windscreen in the process.

She admitted causing distress by her constant texting when she appeared before Maidstone magistrates on Tuesday.

The court heard how Miss O'Neill called police in the middle of the texting blitz.

One said: "I'm outside your place. I'm naked babe. I need to talk to you."

As Rye called, Miss O'Neill answered the phone and played the loudspeaker so officers could hear.

Jenny Yale, prosecuting, said about 100 of the texts were love messages but that others were abusive and threatening.

Patrick Bligh, defending, said in hindsight Rye was being used so the mother-of-one could dump her male ex-partner.

He added: "According to my client, Sheryl made all the running because she wanted to end her relationship with her boyfriend.

"The defendant feels used by Sheryl. She felt she was in love with her and was very upset when it broke up. She now wishes no contact with her at all."

Rye was given a conditional discharge for six months and ordered to pay £85 costs.

Gypsies clash with security at site

TRAVELLERS clashed with security guards after being barred from joining an illegal camp next to the new multi-million European headquarters of Rolex.

Twenty-five caravans drove on to a four-acre site next to the base of the luxury watch company in Kings Hill, near West Malling, on Friday, August 6.

Nine of these left immediately after being told by security firm Precreate Solutions that a court order for eviction was being processed.

But another 20 caravans tried to force their way on to the illegal camp on Tuesday at 5pm, sparking violent scenes when they were turned away by security.

The travellers threatened the security staff and damaged barriers set up to stop more caravans getting on to the site.

A court order for eviction has been applied for.

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Mid-wife unit gives birth to a new type of maternity care

By JENNA PUDELEK

AHEAD of major changes to the way maternity services are provided for mothers-to-be in Maidstone, a top doctor has explained why they are vital.

The Health Secretary Andrew Lansley has approved the highly controversial proposals to centralise consultant-led women's and children's services at the new private finance initiative hospital (PFI) at Pembury, near Tunbridge Wells, when it opens in July next year.

As a result Maidstone Hospital would have a midwife-led birthing unit, which would be the first in west Kent.

The NHS in west Kent must now address the concerns raised by Kent County Council's health overview and scrutiny committee and health campaigners in the county town, concerned over the switch.

These include the impact of pregnant women from Maidstone having to travel the extra distance to Pembury.

Objectors in Maidstone feel that their hospital is being downgraded, but health bosses have argued that continuing to provide full services from both sites is not sustainable.

Dr Wilson Bolsover, clinical director for women's and children's services at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, said: "As a clinician myself and Gillian Duffy, who is head of midwifery, we are absolutely sure this is safe. But it is also safer and better than trying to carry on with what we are doing at present.

"We absolutely recognise that it is less convenient for people who live in the Maidstone locality, but we are minimising that by making sure clinic appointments and scans are still going on in the Maidstone area.

"The only difference is that for the actual birth they would need to come to Pembury or if there were serious complications with the pregnancy they should be an inpatient at Pembury.

"Antenatal scans, midwifery visits will all be carrying on close to home exactly as at present."

Campaigners believe that Maidstone is being overlooked in favour of the new state-of-the-art hospital at Pembury.

But Dr Bolsover, a consultant paediatrician, said it was because pregnant woman in the Maidstone area had the option of travelling to the nearby William Harvey Hospital in Ashford or the Medway Maritime in an emergency as well as Pembury.

Dependent

"I recognise it's a cause for concern to be further away from hospital, but I do not think it is less safe. If we were to try and continue the services at both sites it would become less safe," he said.

"The focus has been on travelling times, but actually it is not a great issue."

Women in Tunbridge Wells and further out to the south and west in the area of East Sussex covered by the trust do not have another option within half an hour.

He said patients should be within half an hour of one of the three hospitals.

A spokesman for NHS West Kent said: "SECAmb [the South East Ambulance Trust] has confirmed that any transfer carried out between units would be done with the necessary medical staff from the hospital to support the needs of the patient.

"This includes the specialist neonatal retrieval team which has all the necessary equipment and space to transfer high dependent babies and does so now."

…but GPs voice their concerns

DOCTORS have united to say no to the transfer of women's and children's services from Maidstone to Pembury.

A survey by the British Medical Association (BMA) found more than 90 per cent of GPs in Maidstone were opposed to the plans.

Ninety-seven per cent of doctors said they wanted to keep consultant-led maternity as it is, with 90 per cent believing both hospitals should offer the full service.

The majority also disagreed that a day unit at Maidstone Hospital would be an advantage to residents.

More than 80 GPs responded to the survey at the end of July, with only one supporting the proposals.

Past chairman of Maidstone BMA, Paul Hobday, a Sutton Valence GP, said: "Maidstone's GPs are very worried. The 15-20 mile journeys along narrow country lanes facing up to 2,000 women in labour and 1,000 children a year needing inpatient care are seen as unsafe – and we have appalling examples.

"Maidstone Hospital has an excellent reputation for maternity and child care, and that's where local patients and their supportive relatives and friends want it retained. If not there will be horror stories on the road to Pembury."

Results of the survey and a petition by Maidstone and The Weald MP Helen Grant will be passed to health secretary Andrew Lansley, with a final decision expected in the early autumn.

Madness of attack during park's gig

A FAN of legendary 80s pop band Madness suffered a broken leg after being punched and stamped on at a concert in Thanet.

The vicious assault took place at Quex Park, Birchington, between 9.30-10pm on Saturday, July 24.

Witnesses should call police on 01622 690690, quoting reference EY/011951/10, or CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111.

It's Czech mate for people smuggler

A VAN driver from the Czech Republic has been jailed for two years after attempting to smuggle six Vietnamese immigrants through Dover.

Zdenek Vildner, 32, hid the five men and one woman inside a containment of speakers, which had been screwed shut from the outside.

He was sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court on Thursday and will be deported back to his homeland following his release from prison.

Celebration takes history to catwalk

BLACK History Month will be celebrated with a fashion show at Woodville Halls, Gravesend, on October 19.

Young people with a passion for clothing, music or dance are invited to take part in the event which is being organised by Gravesham council. Workshops will be held in the run-up to the show, including catwalk training by London fashion designer Jessica Odoi.

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THE INTERVIEW

BY JANE CONNOLLY

Making it her business to chill you out

MAKING the move from precious metals to massage has been a fulfilling one for spa owner Shelly Murphy.

The former jewellery designer opened the Royal Day Spa in Tunbridge Wells five years ago, after spending time advising other people on their health and fitness businesses. Originally she trained at the former Kent Institute of Art and Design in Rochester and won a number of awards for her jewellery, before her life began to take a different path.

"I needed to get a job to pay the bills and I started working for a chap who did consultancy, then I set up on my own and travelled far and wide, helping to set up businesses and helping with their marketing," she said. "It was mostly health and fitness, but I got fed up and wanted to stay at home."

Shelly, 34, bought a house in Ticehurst and decided to look in the local area for business premises. "Tunbridge Wells was a local stamping ground for me, as I was born and went to school in Sevenoaks," she said. "I had been looking at the building in Tunbridge Wells previously for a client, but the sale had not happened. So it was really the building that decided it – it's useful for me because it's in the right area and next to the station."

It took two years to complete the purchase of the building and a further eight months to carry out the interior work, but in 2005 the Royal Day Spa finally opened its doors. Shelly is a trained Reiki master and the natural healing system is used in all the spa's treatments.

When the recession began a few years later, Shelly – whose brother is fine art and commercial photographer, Spencer Murphy – did not feel the effects straight away.

"I have a friend who has a shop on the corner and we both used to say, a bit under our breath, 'everyone's going on about how awful it is, but everything's fine'," she said. "But all of a sudden, the bottom fell out. It's been hard work, but it's just me. I was only in my 20s when I set it up so I didn't have millions of pounds behind me. I was used to struggling, so it was just more of that really."

In order to successfully combat the financial climate, Shelly took a good look at the image of the spa.

"We changed the marketing and the way that we sold ourselves. Basically, we made it more accessible for people. It was a mistake that it came across as a kind of elitist spa. It was not meant to be like that and it's not me."

Despite the recession, she has found that people still value a little luxury even when they are feeling the pinch elsewhere.

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Doctor's career on the line in 'bloodgate' case

A DOCTOR caught up in rugby's 'bloodgate' scandal could face being struck off after being summoned to a disciplinary hearing.

Wendy Chapman, who is employed as an A&E consultant at Maidstone Hospital, is alleged to have used a scalpel to cut Harlequins player Tom Williams' mouth after he faked a blood injury in a match last year.

She will go before a General Medical Council panel on August 23, with the hearing expected to last a fortnight.

The bloodgate scandal relates to Harlequins' Heineken Cup clash with the Irish side Leinster on April 12, 2009, when Williams broke a blood capsule in his mouth to facilitate a tactical substitution.

WSPA welcomes support from Thanet MP Sandys

SOUTH Thanet MP Laura Sandys has been thanked for making commitments to animal welfare.

The Parliamentary newcomer has lent her backing to issues being campaigned against by the World Society for the Protection of Animals, such as the illegal trade in bear bile and the possible resumption of commercial whaling.

WSPA director Suzi Morris said: "In order to effect real change for animal welfare both in this country and around the world, the support of MPs like Laura Sandys is critical.

"We depend on close relationships with MPs to ensure the UK remains at the forefront of moves to safeguard vulnerable animals throughout the world."

Police appeal after sex assault

A SERIOUS sexual assault took place in a Folkestone alleyway last Monday (August 9) night.

The incident took place in the passage running between The Durlocks and Dyke Road, at about midnight.

Police would like to speak with anyone in the area at the time, in particular anyone who saw a group of men around the area of the yacht club in North Street.

Call 01622 690690 if you have any information regarding this enquiry.

Backpacker transfer from Indian jail

THE mother of a backpacker thrown in an Indian jail for a crime he claims he did not commit has spoken of her relief at his upcoming transfer to a British jail.

But Teresa Malluzzo – who has not seen her son Patrick for seven years – admitted her joy at his homecoming was tainted with disappointment that he would not be returning a free man.

Bitter sweet

She told KOS Media: "It's a bitter sweet situation – I hoped we would be able to clear his name, but we're pleased he's coming back to England.

"We've been told he'll have to serve half of the remainder of his sentence, which is three-and-a-half years, so he'll be in prison for another 15 months when he gets back."

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Mr Malluzzo, from Dartford, was given a 10-year sentence for drug-smuggling while backpacking in India in 2004, but he has always maintained his innocence.

The 32-year-old, who has no previous convictions, was arrested at Mumbai airport and charged with possession of cannabis resin before facing a trial conducted entirely in Hindi.

He claims he met another backpacker, who he decided to travel to Goa with, and that his new friend booked two train tickets.

But Mr Malluzzo decided to stay on in Rajasthan and claims he agreed to meet up with his companion in Goa, asking him to take a small bag of his clothing so he could travel light.

The former city worker said his friend called to say he had accidentally left the bag on the train, and it was later found under the seat booked in Mr Malluzzo's name and contained 19kg of cannabis resin.

He was arrested and taken to Rajasthan, where he claims he was severely tortured and forced to sign confessions written in Hindi.

Travesty

Fair Trials International, which has been helping in his case, called it a "travesty of justice".

Mrs Malluzzo and her husband Salvatore, from Dartford, said they were shocked when they received a call saying he had been arrested.

"The last time I saw him was in 2003 when he left on his travels, although my husband has seen him about six times since then," said Mrs Malluzzo.

"I haven't been able to speak to him as the prison is strict with phone calls. We write letters though and get messages to him.

"We're so pleased the Indian authorities have agreed to let him serve the rest of his sentence here.

"Patrick is sick. He has malaria and a urinary tract infection. His health is not good and he's depressed."

The decision to allow him to transfer followed a request by Patrick Malluzzo, although he made the decision not to pursue an appeal against his case at the Supreme Court.

Mrs Malluzzo said: "It can take up to three years to bring a case forward so we all decided we would get Patrick transferred rather than fight the case.

"Patrick will find out this week about his transfer and I'm sure he'll be very pleased – he wants to come home."

She added: "We just hope now the Ministry of Justice will do their utmost to bring an end to all this."

A date for Mr Malluzzo's transfer has not yet been set.

New nuclear power plant hopes raised

A NEW nuclear power station at Dungeness could yet be built after the Government gave its strongest signal yet about its preferred list of sites, ***writes James Alexandre***.

Energy Secretary Chris Huhne said the first of a new generation of reactors should be up and running by 2018 and those areas where there are already stations and popular local support are being considered for development.

Mr Huhne told the BBC: "There are a number of sites that have been identified around the country and those are generally on sites where we have previously had, for example, nuclear power stations and where local people are very keen that there should be new nuclear build. We have eight years before the first one will come onto the grid. We have to get through all the prior arrangements – national planning statements, making sure investors have their applications formally in and approved – and then building can commence."

GONE FISSION: Dungeness power plant

He said private investors were ready to press ahead due to rising gas and oil prices and MPs would be prepared to vote in favour of new stations if there was no public subsidy involved.

In November, last year, former energy secretary Ed Miliband announced in the Commons that Dungeness would be one of only 11 sites not to be shortlisted for new nuclear stations. This was based on advice from conservation body Natural England, which warned of the adverse effect on the area's unique ecosystem. Shepway MP Damian Collins welcomed the latest announcement and said Dungeness met the criteria laid down by Mr Huhne.

"It would certainly seem to fit the bill in that there are already nuclear power stations on site, there is considerable local support for a new power station and it is a site the energy companies believe can be developed by 2018," he said. "Given the need for new and reliable sources of low-carbon energy in the next decade, I would hope the Government, in reviewing the consultation on nuclear sites, would include Dungeness. A new station would be a tremendous boost to the local economy."

County councillors and business leaders met in Folkestone on the eve of the general election to hear about the benefits a third reactor could bring.

Station director Graham Finn told them the B reactor pumps £30 million into the local economy and said its 570-strong workforce, plus 200 others who are indirectly employed, could lose their jobs if a new reactor was not commissioned.

Dungeness B is due to run until 2018, with the majority of the ageing nuclear infrastructure due to go offline by 2023.

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Shortages lead to bale raids

WORRIED farmers are experiencing raids on their hay stocks after a shortage of the crop forced the price of bales to rise.

A warm spring this year led to a 25 per cent fall in the crop and thieves have taken to stealing bales rather than paying more.

Director of the Kent Life farm park near Maidstone, John Jordan, is concerned about his own crop after two giant bales were stolen. He said: "The crop is down and hay prices have gone up from £3 last year to £5 a bale this year. A farm like ours goes through 2,000 bales a year, so that extra cost adds up to an awful lot of money. It has been the climate – any gardener will tell you, grass needs rain to grow."

Last week the team at Kent Life were visiting shire horses in the paddock only to find that two large bales – 15 times the size of normal ones – had gone.

Farmers have even had to take extra measures to protect their hay crop by putting up CCTV around the farm.

Mr Jordan, who has been in charge of Kent Life for five years, said: "I've spoken to other farmers and they have had hay stolen in the countryside.

"Police have told us to be extra vigilant. This is serious for us because at Kent Life we are short of grazing areas and the hot weather means there is even less grass for the horses and cattle to eat."

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Political master Jack's early taste of a rough trade

As one of Britain's best known politicians reveals he is stepping down from front bench politics, JENNA PUDELEK catches up with Jack Straw to reminisce about his first foray into politics – and defeat in Tonbridge way back in 1974 … the victor? Current incumbent Sir John Stanley

ON THE STUMP: Jack Straw has long been steeped in politics and the Labour Party

THIRTY-SIX years ago a fresh-faced Labour activist in his mid-twenties stood before the returning officer and discovered his first stab at becoming an MP had been put to the sword in Tonbridge & Malling.

Speed forward to the present day, and the slightly older and certainly more experienced same figure has just announced he is to step back from the frontline.

Because after a life of politics Jack Straw, now 64 and currently the shadow justice secretary, has been there and done that.

One of Labour's best-known and most respected figures, it is a little known fact that his first steps on that career were on our doorstep, way back in 1974.

Having announced that he is standing down from the front bench to make room for a new generation to form the shadow cabinet, the former home secretary spoke to this newspaper while on a train travelling, ironically, to Tunbridge Wells to visit a friend.

Standing against him for the Conservatives in the newly-formed constituency all those years ago was John Stanley, who has retained the seat and picked up a knighthood since.

"It was at the time of the miners' strike and the three-day week when the election was suddenly called by Edward Heath," Mr Straw said. "Even though it was unnecessary, they had a majority of about 50 and had been in power for three-and-a-half years.

"It was very much an election of choice by him. It was on the issue of who runs Britain?"

When the election was called for February and as the crisis was building towards the end of January, a 27-year-old Jack Straw was working as a trainee barrister and living in Islington. "I told everybody I was fighting to win of course, but I wasn't bonkers, I realised the revolution had been and gone and I was unlikely to win Tonbridge & Malling," he said.

Activists

However, it was a new seat and no-one knew for sure who would win. "In Tonbridge at the time there was quite a strong Labour Party, so it was not bereft of Labour activists," he said. "There was a printers in East Peckham and railway workers."

So he juggled appearing in court with trying to woo voters. Mr Straw said he had a mixed reception – some doors would be slammed in his face while other residents would engage in lively debates about policy.

"It changed in the last week," he said. "The public said, 'If Ted Heath's asking who should lead the country, the answer is that is what we pay him for' and they went against him."

Locally, the Liberal candidate Michael Vann began to garner support. "John Stanley became worried the Liberals could take the seat. It was a bit of a bubble, like we saw from Nick Clegg in this last election. There was a moment when it looked like they could take it," he said.

Mr Straw went on to reminisce about the campaign and how the local Tory office in the High Street had published a leaflet with a derogatory description of the Liberal candidate. He said the Liberal bubble did eventually burst. And like the May, 2010, election, the February, 1974, vote ended in a hung parliament. But coalition talks did not work out and Labour's Harold Wilson became prime minister, calling another election in October.

It sounded like there was genuine camaraderie between the candidates, with Mr Straw and Mr Vann betting £1 on who would come third, which the former foreign secretary would win, he remembered, by just 18 votes. John Stanley would poll 24,809 (45.78 per cent of the vote), Michael

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Vann 14,701 (27.13 per cent) and Jack Staw 14,683 (27.09 per cent). Mr Straw also remembered his Conservative opponent fondly and both have shared long careers in the Commons. "I always got on with him and have ever since," Mr Straw, who will remain MP for Blackburn, said.

On the campaign trail this year, Mr Straw took his soap box, which has been a standard of his parliamentary fights, across the country urging people to keep Labour for a fourth term.

"I started doing that for the election in Tonbridge," he said. "It was organised that I'd stand at 2pm on a Sunday, which I thought was crazy. So I was standing on the soap box with the PA system in East Peckham and it was absolutely deserted, apart from my agent and his daughter."

Sir John was also complimentary about his opponent, he said: "He was my first Labour opponent in 1974. Although we've disagreed politically we have always remained on very good terms personally.

"I think he'd probably say the same about me, but he was not very different to what he is like now. He knew he was not very likely to win the seat, but he was earning his spurs for running for Blackburn."

Mr Straw ran in Blackburn in 1979 and rose through Labour's ranks while the party was in opposition before becoming home secretary in 1997 until 2001 when he was then foreign secretary until 2006. He became justice secretary in 2007.

Sir John said: "I think he was always looking to go fairly high. He was a career politician from a very young age. He was head of the National Union of Students – very radical – and it was always obvious that politics was going to be his life. He was able and dedicated."

Mr Straw will leave the front bench in October, when the party's new leader chooses the next shadow cabinet. He intends to write his memoirs at some point, but that they wouldn't be a "kiss and tell".

He said: "I'm going to take a bit of time and do them differently. I'm afraid I don't agree to people breaking confidences."

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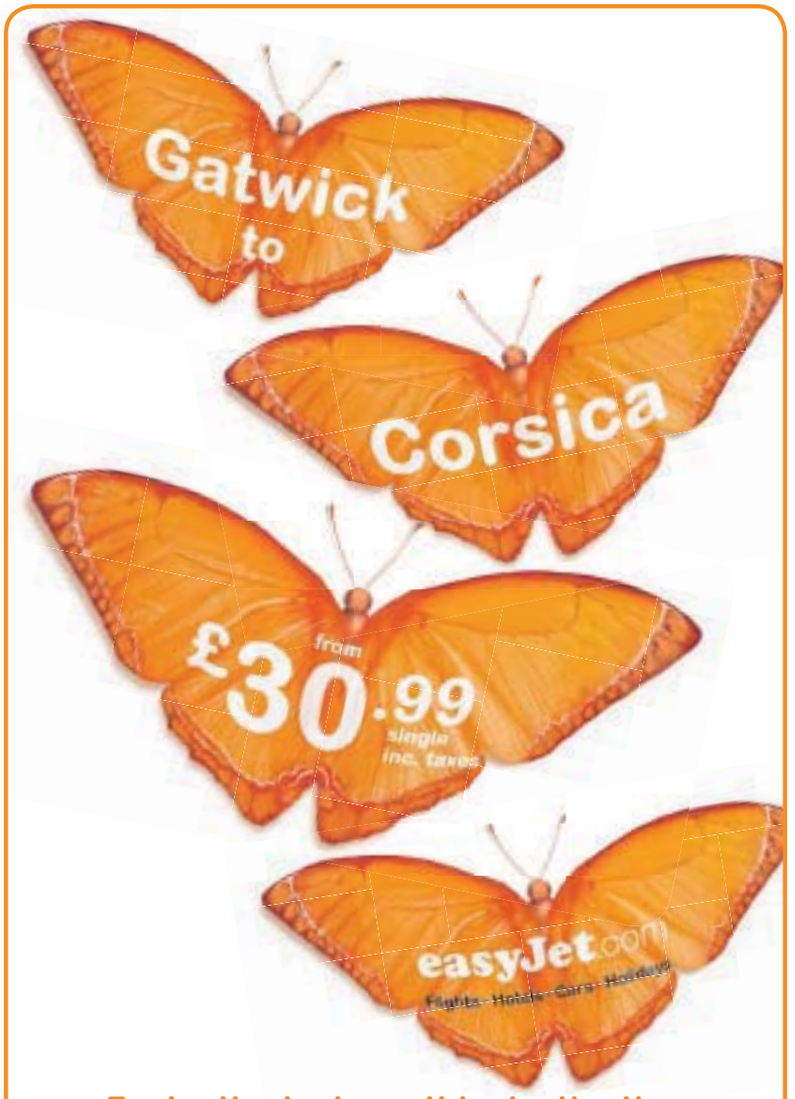

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mother's arms

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STUNNING pictures showing touching moments between wild animals and their offspring have been brought together for a new children's book.

The heart-melting photos were captured by renowned photographer Steve Bloom, from Wye, near Ashford.

The 57-year-old, originally from South Africa, travelled to each of the world's continents to capture images of animals in their natural habitat.

His book, My Favourite Animal Families, with text from children's author David Henry Wilson, showcases about 70 of the best and most intimate pictures.

"It's a culmination of about 14 years' work," said Mr Bloom. "The book is aimed at children but I think it will appeal to all ages. I want it to take people into another world.

'I've waited for weeks to get a picture, but it's definitely worth it'

"I hope children reading my book will come to identify with the animals and realise they have their own separate ways of living, but are still connected to us.

"For example, the young animals have needs, just like babies and children do. Some of the pictures really show the maternal care."

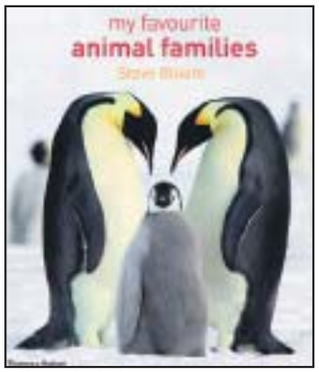
Fourteen wild species feature in the book, including elephants, orangutans and pandas.

Each animal family is presented over four pages, showing different aspects of their daily life such as feeding, playing and hunting. A baby elephant sheltering from the rain under its mother and a young chimpanzee clinging to its mother's back are just two of a selection of intimate pictures showing the relationships between the wild animals and their young.

Mr Bloom said: "Taking these kinds of pictures can be a long process. I worked closely with guides and spoke to local people about how to get close to the animals.

"Take a grizzly bear, for example. You don't want to creep up on it quietly because bears don't like that – you have to make yourself heard – whereas when photographing something like a zebra you mustn't make a lot of noise. The last thing I want to do is cause stress to the animals.

"There is a lot of patience involved in this kind of work. I've waited for weeks before, waiting to get the picture. But it's definitely worth it. I waited for polar bears in temperatures 50 below freezing and decided to stay on longer. After 15 days, a mother came out with her cubs."



COVER STORY: The new book

Mr Bloom, who specialises mainly in wildlife photography, has covered other subjects ranging from isolated tribes in Africa to urban people in Nairobi. His other publications include Living Africa, Spirit of the Wild; and Elephants: A Book for Children. He said: "I try to shoot from the heart. I go for eye contact. A lot of it is a subconscious thing and this translates into the work. You can have two photographers taking the same picture and they look different.

"No one really knows why, but the way you feel translates into a picture."

Mr Bloom added: "I've received emails and messages from people who have seen my pictures and who say they have inspired them to work in conservation or to take up wildlife photography. It's a real pleasure to get such feedback."

• ***My Favourite Animal Families, published by Thames and Hudson, is available from bookshops, priced £9.99. Signed copies are available from the website www.stevebloomshop.com.***

Wildwood delight at Defra accolade

KENT has one of the best wildlife parks in the country, according to a new Government report, ***writes Chris Murphy.***

The study commissioned by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) praised the work done by the staff and management at Wildwood, near Herne Bay, which has been held up as a shining example. It took into account Wildwood's contribution to conservation and education and also used the animal park as a case study for its outstanding contribution to native wildlife conservation.

Wildwood Trust chief executive Peter Smith said: "It is wonderful for Wildwood's conservation and education efforts to be recognised in such a report. Wildwood's volunteers, members and staff are making a huge contribution to help many of our most endangered creatures.

"The report highlights in particular the excellent efforts of our conservation team, led by senior conservation officer Hazel Ryan, in rescuing and reintroducing water voles – Britain's most endangered animal. Since we became a charity eight years ago we have put in a huge amount of effort, making Wildwood the most successful wildlife education centre in Kent.

"We employ an outstanding team and have developed award-winning wildlife education programmes that stimulate fun and learning for children across the county."

Academies may lose out as only five get funding

GO-AHEAD: Isle of Sheppey Academy

SIX old-style academies at risk of losing out on rebuilds could see a reduction in investment after five others were given the go-ahead, ***writes Marijke Cox.***

Plans for the Isle of Sheppey Academy and Skinners Kent Academy in Tunbridge Wells, along with Medway's Strood Academy, Bishop of Rochester Academy and Brompton Academy in Gillingham, were all pushed through by the Government late last week.

It means they will receive funding for new buildings and facilities as planned.

But the remaining six – Dover Christ Church Academy, St Augustine Academy in Maidstone, The Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover, the John Wallis Church of England Academy in Ashford, the Knole Academy in Sevenoaks and Wilmington Enterprise College in Dartford – will have reduced funding if rebuilds go ahead.

A final decision will be made following the Government's autumn spending review.

Sarah Hohler, KCC cabinet member for children, families and education, said the council was hopeful the remaining six academies would be looked upon favourably. "The Department for Education has indicated that costs for the remaining academies need to be reduced," she said. "We have a proven track record in Kent for providing value for money and will offer that expertise to the sponsors with a view to securing the right facilities for students in Kent."

Old-style academies – a concept designed under Labour to help failing or disadvantaged schools raise standards – have sponsors to help with funding for the schools and are given freedom to decide how they are run. They are different to the new breed of academies currently being established by the coalition Government as part of its 'free school' agenda.

Momentous

Cllr Hohler said: "We will continue to work alongside the sponsors of those academies to make a compelling case for capital investment." She added that she was pleased funding had been put in place for the other academies led by KCC.

"This is a momentous decision for these two academies. The investment will transform education for generations," she said.

For Medway Council, education officials were celebrating after all three of its academies were given the green light.

Cllr Les Wicks, cabinet member for children's services, congratulated everyone involved in securing funding.

"Our three academies are part of the council's work to provide the best opportunities for our children and help improve educational standards in Medway," he said. "The new academies will also bring significant benefits to their local areas, providing excellent community facilities in inspiring buildings."

Rochester and Strood MP Mark Reckless said he was delighted with the Government's decision.

"The coalition has prioritised crucial schools funding for us in Medway and, because of the tough decisions being taken on the public finances generally, we now have funding which is not just an unfunded aspiration, but is secure and sustainable," he said.

Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Gordon Henderson was also celebrating with the Isle of Sheppey Academy.

He said: "Parents, children and teachers can now plan for the future with confidence."

Eight of KCC's old-style academies and three of Medway's were put under discussion last month after the scrapping of Labour's Building Schools for the Future programme.

Kent was hit hardest with 40 maintained schools missing out on funding for rebuilds and refurbishments.

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Male dog-walker punched on beach

WITNESSES are being sought by police after a dog-owner was repeatedly punched by another man on the beach at Sheerness.

The unprovoked assault took place near the sea wall at Tesco, between 11.30am and noon on Friday, August 6.

The victim suffered a head wound and was taken to Medway Maritime Hospital.

Anyone with information is asked to call Sgt Neil Kimber on 01795 584110, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111, quoting reference number CY/012545/10.

Charity bike ride

CYCLISTS are invited to sign up to the London to Canterbury Challenge and help raise funds for the Children's Trust.

Riders can cycle either a 65- or 80-mile route at a cost of £25 per person.

The charity event, on September 12, starts at Greenwich and takes entrants along the Pilgrims' Way to St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury. For more details, visit www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk.

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THE quality of water supplied by South East Water is above the national average, according to an independent report.

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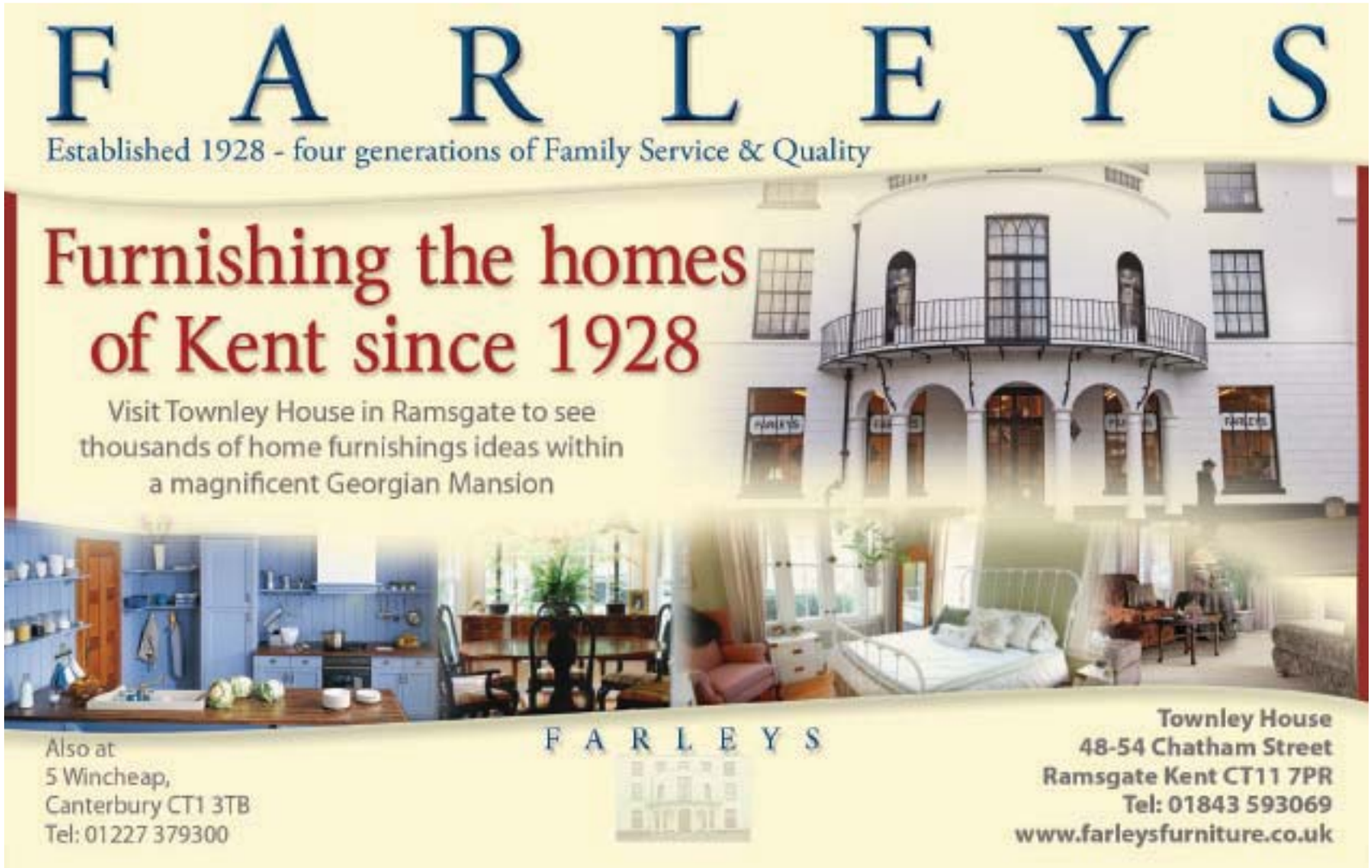
"However, we do offer advice and support if there are water-quality issues within a home."



Police aftercare for rape 'shocking'

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RAPE victims being examined just hours after an attack are being subjected to "sub-standard" conditions, according to a forensic medical examiner.

In many cases, women are examined in old-style police houses by male doctors who have little or no experience in gynaecology.

Dr Lucy Love, associate specialist in sexual health and a forensic medical examiner for Kent Police, said facilities in Kent are "sadly lacking".

"Kent has only one Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), at Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford," she said. "It doesn't have some of the crucial elements required by the Department of Health to make it a SARC. We failed an assessment 15 months ago showing we didn't have all the essential requirements."

SARCs are clinics for the immediate aftermath of a sexual assault, providing medical care and forensic examination, counselling and sexual health services.

According to Dr Love, the Kent facility has no crisis workers to support victims when they come in for examinations, with only a police officer present.

And in more shocking cases, old-style police houses used instead of the clinic for such procedures are found un-cleaned and without crucial equipment on hand.

"There are no after-care treatments such as the morning-after pill or antibiotics in the police houses," said Dr Love.

"Luckily, some GPs doing an examination will have the morning-after pill and other equipment with them, but there is no support literature available for victims.

"It's shocking and needs to be addressed."

In west Kent there are six doctors on call to carry out examinations – four men and two women – with similar staff for east Kent.

Dr Love said: "We don't have choice of gender in this area as there are only a small number of us available on the rota.

"Most of the men are police surgeons who work in custody and do sexual assault examinations as an add-on and don't have experience of vaginal examinations.

"Having a man carry out such procedures can be very traumatic for a female victim."

Dr Love is calling on the Government to prioritise the need for an adequate service.

She said the cash-strapped primary care trusts should put aside money from their budget to address the need.

The Department of Health and the Home Office are aiming to have a SARC in every police area by 2011.

Dr Love said: "Because we have a service we may be overlooked, but the clinic here needs to be improved. We have no clinical director, there is no one to see what doctors are doing – it's sub-standard."

SARCs are part funded by the police but the Government is looking to transfer the budget and commissioning responsibility from the police to the NHS.

Primary care trusts are currently expected to work with local partners to ensure properly resourced SARCs are in place.

A Department of Health spokeswoman said: "We support all actions that improve the NHS response to violence against women.

"Further funding is being invested by the Department of Health and Home Office this year to support SARCs in developing care to meet minimum service standards."

A Kent Police spokeswoman said there were four female police doctors working for the force and that the specialist clinic at Darent Valley Hospital offers much-needed support to victims.

She said the force is looking to deliver similar services in east Kent, where at the moment there are just specialist victim suites.

Det Chief Insp Isobel Gibson, of Kent Police's public protection crime unit, said: "We believe that with the services provided at the specialist centre, we offer much-needed support to victims who have been raped."

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INVICTA: Ian Morrison with models of his horse

Sculpture under starter's orders

LANDOWNER Dover Gateway is backing plans by an artist to put up a massive Angel of the South sculpture, describing it as an "exciting project".

Ian Morrison, from Wingham, put together proposals for a 100ft-high Invicta horse and the company has agreed to donate land on a new country park it plans to develop at Great Farthingloe Farm.

The land is just off the A20 between Dover and Folkestone, from where the horse would be visible from the French coast.

Kent County Council has also indicated approval of the plans. Chief executive of landowner Priory Land is Kevin Dougall.

He said: "The land is in the process of being acquired by Dover Gateway, a joint venture between China Gateway International – the current owners – and Priory Land. We have been inspired and excited by what is happening in Kent. We were awestruck by Ian's vision and talent and found his enthusiasm to be infectious.

"We are developing proposals for land at Great Farthingloe Farm, including a new country park which will be gifted to KCC. The sculpture would be a fantastic addition to the park.

"It's rare that one gets the opportunity to play a part in such an exciting project."

Mr Morrison said he designed his sculpture out of anger towards the planned white horse sculpture in Ebbsfleet, which is not 'prancing' like the Kentish symbol Invicta.

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Open access to heritage

FASCINATING properties tucked away off the beaten track are being opened as part of a celebration of Kent's history and culture, ***writes Marijke Cox***.

The event forms part of the national Heritage Open Days project, which looks to uncover some of our best-kept secrets. Ranging from chapels and synagogues to a mausoleum, the scheme gives free access to unique properties which are usually closed to the public.

Dr Andy Brown, regional director for English Heritage, said the event gets bigger every year. "Last time there were more than 1,000 properties and events in the South East and once again there will be a Heritage Open Day venue on nearly everyone's doorstep," he said.

Knowledge

"Many are normally off limits to the public, so this is a fabulous opportunity to explore, discover and have fun. Not only are the secrets and history laid bare, you can also meet the people who live or work in those buildings who are delighted to share their knowledge and enthusiasm."

As well as being given a glimpse into historic, rarely seen architecture, living history displays bringing to life years gone by will also be set up across the county.

Norman times will be recreated at Canterbury Castle, giving an insight into domestic life with demonstrations of leather-working, net-making, drop-spinning, weaving and cookery. Norman warriors will also give a show of arms. At St Peter's in Broadstairs, award-winning guided walks around the historic village will bring the past vividly to life, aided by costumed characters. Dover is also the setting for Heritage Open Days events with tours of St Radigund's Abbey and the South Foreland lighthouse.

DOVER AND OUT: Tours of the iconic White Cliffs are part of Heritage Open Days

There will also be access to the 19th century Grand Shaft staircase in the Western Heights, to the bell tower of St Mary's Church and historic Maison Dieu House.

Free introductory tours along the famous White Cliffs are also available.

Other treats around Kent include a tour of Whitstable Playhouse and a glimpse into the Wynn Ellis mausoleum. The building, which is formed like a pyramid, sits in the churchyard of All Saints' Church, Whitstable. Heritage Open Days run from September 9-12. For full details, visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

An English Heritage official said: "Heritage Open Days is the nation's biggest and most diverse celebration of architecture, history and culture. It's free and there's something for all ages."

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Sister remanded after stab denial

A WOMAN has denied being responsible for the death of her sister, who was found in a field with multiple stab wounds.

Phoebe Barton, 49, who lived with her sister Karen in Highfield Road, Chartham, was remanded in custody by Maidstone Crown Court and will face trial on November 29. Karen Barton's body was found on land off Rentain Road, near Canterbury, on May 9.

A flaming nuisance

A SMOULDERING cigarette almost destroyed a five-storey building when it caused a derelict shop to catch fire.

The blaze in Margate High Street on Wednesday was tackled by 25 firefighters from Thanet and Dover, who have since issued a safety warning.

Margate watch manager Mark Fishlock said: "This incident highlights the importance of ensuring cigarettes and other smoking materials are extinguished completely and disposed of safely."

Memorial go-ahead

A MEMORIAL will still be placed at the site where serial killer Peter Tobin buried two of his victims, according to Thanet council.

Tobin, 63, is serving three life sentences for murder, including those of 15-year-old Vicky Hamilton and 18-year-old Dinah McNicol, who he buried in the back garden of 50 Irvine Drive, Margate.

Despite reports that the council had rejected plans for a memorial, a spokesman said: "We are working closely with the victims' families on the plans for a memorial and will ensure they are fully involved."

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Miliband's 'grace and favour' denial

DAVID Miliband wined and dined big-money backers for his push for the Labour leadership at a sprawling country house in Kent – before his party had even been kicked out of government.

That was the claim made last week in a national newspaper which said Mr Miliband – the favourite to become the party's new leader – had entertained wealthy figures at Chevening, near Sevenoaks.

Chevening is a government 'grace-and-favour' mansion and traditionally put at the disposal of the foreign secretary.

Mr Miliband, who assumed that role prior to Labour's election defeat, now faces claims he "exploited the trappings of office" at the country retreat in his bid to replace Gordon Brown at the helm of the party.

He denies the claims, saying the event – held at the end of January, this year – was simply a chance to thank friends who had supported both him and the party and that the taxpayer did not foot the bill. Mr Miliband remains the favourite to become Labour's new leader, but faces no easy task.

Picture: MATTHEW BLACK

CHEVENING: Mansion hosted a gathering of supporters of David Miliband (inset)

He is being closely fought by brother Ed Miliband, Diane Abbott, Ed Balls and Andy Burnham. Party members vote next month.

However, as Labour looks to rebuild after May's election defeat, the party is desperate for the leadership contest not to become mired in negative publicity. Ms Abbott recently claimed David Miliband had a campaign war chest of £400,000 – although official figures put the total at less than half that. The Sunday Times claims those attending included Labour peer Lord Mitchell, film producer Lord Puttnam and media tycoon Lord Alli. Between them, it is alleged, "they poured £70,000 into Miliband's leadership campaign" in the months after the event.

However, it is denied seeking financial support was the primary purpose of the event and that no money was requested during it.

The paper quotes Lord Mitchell as saying: "Nobody ever approached me to make a donation to his campaign. This was not one of those business meetings when they try to hassle the money."

Some 20 people – which included spouses – attended the event on January 23. At the time Labour was facing the prospect of being voted out of office, while internal wrangles within Westminster were brought to the fore after an aborted leadership challenge – spearheaded by former ministers Geoff Hoon and Patricia Hewitt.

A spokeswoman for David Miliband this week denied exploiting the government property for his own purposes.

She said: "The generous donors who have supported David so far have done so because they love the Labour Party and believe David is the right person to lead it. All the donors have known David for years and he values their friendship and financial support for his campaign.

"They donated money … because they believe in a progressive Labour Party and any assertion that they have done so for any other reason is a slur to them and to David."

Shoppers' brush with naked arts

A BODY painting demonstration was stopped after shoppers complained the activity was "too risqué".

The event was at County Square shopping centre in Ashford, and although there was no complete nudity, the models were wearing just nipple covers and thongs.

Centre manger Francis Burt said she "perhaps naively" had expected them to be wearing skin suits.

Body artist Max Wragg was hoping to create a single piece of artwork using three models to promote the UK Body Painting Festival in nearby Mersham this weekend.

Mr Wragg said: "Hundreds of people walked by and not one made an adverse comment."

But after 10 minutes security told him to stop. The models were asked to cover up but face painting was allowed to continue.

Despite having explained the models would be wearing nipple covers and briefs, some shoppers thought they were naked.

Mr Wragg said he was still looking forward to this weekend's festival. He aims to paint six models in five hours – something that has never been done before – using the music of Pink Floyd as inspiration.

Gunman tracked

A CCTV operator has been honoured by the High Sheriff of Kent after helping police arrest a gunman after a shooting.

Thanet council worker Andrew Selfridge caught the incident on camera in December, last year, and tracked the offender to an address in Ramsgate before alerting officers.

He received a commendation from High Sheriff Peregrine Massey after being nominated by Judge Timothy Nash at Canterbury Crown Court. The gunman, who left his victim with a puncture wound just below the eye, has since been jailed.

Urology testing

DARENT Valley Hospital in Dartford has been chosen to trial a new urology system said to be safer and more comfortable for patients.

The new Mediplus catheter system will negate the need for a general anaesthetic.

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Pressure group reveals CCTV cars' £445K haul

EXCLUSIVE

By SIMON ROBINSON
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MEDWAY Council's CCTV cars issued more than 16,000 tickets in the last financial year, raking in just over £455,000 in fines from motorists.

The stunning statistics were revealed in a report by anti-surveillance pressure group Big Brother Watch, and show that on average the authority's two camera cars penalised a combined total of 300 Medway drivers each week between April 1, 2009, and March 31 this year.

The number of tickets and overall income are both roughly four times higher than those recorded in Manchester, a city with more than 200,000 more residents.

Big Brother Watch's figures show that 54 CCTV Smart cars, employed by 31 councils across Britain, generated more than £8 million in fines last year and fined more than 187,000 motorists.

A group spokesman said: "We oppose any increase in state surveillance. In the case of the CCTV Smart car, that opposition is intensified because these cars are directed surveillance; intended primarily to catch people out and therefore raise revenue, before any intention to make the streets safer.

I SPY: CCTV Smart car parked on double yellow lines in Rochester earlier this year

"The sharp overheads involved in operating a mobile surveillance unit require the scheme to take in more money in fines than its operational costs. The CCTV Smart car removes the human element from surveillance, making it more indiscriminate and ignoring the grey areas in road use."

The group's sentiments were backed by Gillingham resident Tony Jukes, who was sent a penalty fine after his car broke down in The Brook, Chatham, at 10am on Monday, July 12.

Mr Jukes said: "I received a penalty notice for effectively 'breaking down'.

"The fact that I safely removed my car from the highway, which could have potentially stopped all traffic in the Chatham area had I not done so, apparently suggests an infringement of parking regulations.

"One of my greater concerns is the fact that I, or any other person, may have actually needed help or assistance. What if someone had been severely ill, or having a heart attack? At least with a traffic warden they would spot such a terrible situation and react immediately.

"The fact that whoever sits in this little chariot of voyeurism is probably only considering the bonus or amount of commission they will get from recording it, disgusts me."

In response to Mr Jukes' fine, a Medway Council spokesman said: "To ensure a fair and consistent service all civil enforcement officers on foot patrol or in the mobile CCTV car are instructed to issue any vehicle parked in contravention with a penalty charge notice.

"We would advise motorists with any mitigating circumstances to take advantage of our appeals process where individual circumstances will be taken into account."

Enforcement

On the wider issue of the authority's use of CCTV spy cars, the 16,129 tickets and £455,027 income, the spokesman added: "The operation of an effective parking enforcement service supports Medway Council's pledge to reduce congestion and make the area's roads safer to use.

"The number of penalty charge notices (PCNs) issued in Medway is comparable to similar-sized authorities, such as Newham and Havering, which have a similar population to Medway and also use two CCTV vehicles.

"All income generated by parking fines supports the multi-million pound programme of works spent on maintaining Medway's highways and car parks.

"This has included resurfacing roads, running road safety schemes, lighting, warning and information signs and maintaining car parks, all of which are designed to make Medway's roads safer and easier to use.

"We do not consider there to be 'grey areas in road use' where public safety is potentially compromised by illegal parking, as suggested by Big Brother Watch."

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Tory Collins' Twitter block 'foolish', say the Lib Dems

A ROW has broken out between Liberal Democrat councillors and a Conservative MP over the latter's alleged blocking of their party's members on Twitter.

Folkestone and Hythe representative Damian Collins has been accused of being "narrow-minded and foolish" by apparently attempting to control who sees his information on the micro-blogging website.

Lib Dem councillors Tim Prater, Neil Matthews and Gary Fuller are among those complaining they have been blocked from 'following' the MP on the site, even though his updates are still publicly available.

Cllr Fuller, a Folkestone town councillor, said: "Mr Collins is trying to be secretive from his own constituents.

"It makes him look like he has something to hide, but his attempt is just inept as all his messages can be seen publicly anyway. He is just making it more difficult to keep up to date on what he is doing.

'Childish games'

"Damian Collins should stop the childish games. Keeping in touch through Twitter should make him more inclusive. The way he is trying to control who does so makes him look narrow-minded and foolish."

The website is popular with MPs and other public figures, who can type 140-character sentences to keep followers updated with what they are doing.

Recently the site has started recommending to users other people who they may be interested in following.

Those signed up to follow certain councillors, for example, would have been alerted to the MP's account.

When informed of the situation by KOS Media, Mr Collins said: "In the spirit of the new coalition I have asked my office to check the Twitter account and ensure that they are not blocked."

Suspicious woman stole from partner

A PARANOID girlfriend who suspected her partner of cheating took revenge by stealing more than £18,000 from his four bank accounts.

Michelle Pussord, 39, of Water Lane, West Malling, was given a four-month suspended prison sentence after admitting four counts of theft.

Maidstone magistrates heard how Pussord met her partner, Robert, via the internet and swiftly changed her surname to his by deed poll even though they never married.

Toby Burrough, defending, said the twice-wed alcoholic stole the cash because she thought he was spending money on other women.

Pussord was also sentenced to 200 hours' community service and ordered to pay £500 compensation.

Introducing Dionne

AMY Winehouse's god-daughter will perform songs from her new album at Bluewater this week.

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Film screening plays to home crowd at last

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

A FOREIGN language film created by a Kent-based university lecturer has finally hit British cinema screens having already achieved worldwide acclaim.

Video arts production expert Professor Andrew Kotting, who shares his knowledge at the University for the Creative Arts in Maidstone, made his third film Ivul in France after failing to receive financial assistance in the UK.

But it is now being screened at several English cinemas having won plaudits at the Locarno, London, Chennai and Vancouver International Film Festivals.

Prof Kotting said: "I was approached by the BBC about 15 years ago to see if I was interested in developing other projects with them.

"I pitched Ivul, which they then commissioned as a screenplay but the funding soon dried up.

"It's disappointing that British filmmakers can't find funding in their own country but I must admit the knock-on effects of Ivul taking so long to be realised were very positive because I got to make the film in France, in French, in a landscape which is very precious to me."

HOME MOVIE: Professor Kotting has finally had his long-held dream realised as his latest film Ivul (right) is screened in British cinemas

Ivul, the sequel to Prof Kotting's second film This Filthy Earth (2001), tells the story of a teenage boy who abandons his family's isolated rural home after an argument with his father to live in the trees.

The lecturer said he was delighted the French were so receptive to his work, and was even happier with the £750,000 he received to turn the dream into reality.

It is now being screened at the Renoir in London, Newcastle Tyneside, Bristol Watershed and the Manchester Cornerhouse.

Ivul is the second in a trilogy of "Earth films".

Prof Kotting is also working on a 2012 Cultural Olympiad project for UCA's Creative Campus Initiative, in which he will film his journey in a giant swan pedalo from Swan Lake in Hastings to the Olympic site in London.

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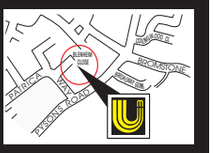

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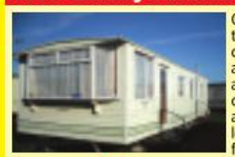

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Thousands still ignore suntan cancer risks

SUN-seekers are being warned of the risks of sunbathing after figures revealed more than 440 people died of skin cancer in seven years.

Some 1,480 people in Kent and Medway were diagnosed with malignant melanoma between 2001 and 2007 with health chiefs seeing a recent rapid rise in cases.

The number of deaths from malignant melanoma – the most dangerous form of skin cancer – is higher than the national average in Shepway, with increases being seen in Swale and Thanet.

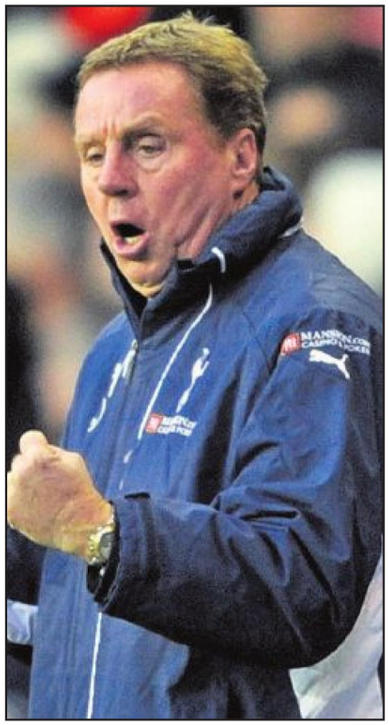
To warn people of the dangers, a poster campaign called "Don't be a Debbie" has been launched by NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent to coincide with the release of the figures.

It aims to use the ageing effects of the sun to persuade young people seeking the perfect tan to take more care.

Karen Mackinnon, Macmillan clinical nurse specialist at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, said damage from the sun can cost you more than just your looks.

"Suntanning can cause skin cancer in later years, but some people are still taking risks and failing to use sunscreen," she said.

"Our advice is to enjoy the sun safely by using sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or more, cover up with loose cotton clothing and wear hats and shades when you are out and about."



SPORTING: Football's Harry Redknapp

Stars tee off to give kids a happy holiday

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

TOTTENHAM Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp will be among the celebrities taking to the golf course for a major annual charity tournament.

Kent comedian Dave Lee has put together a stunning list of stars who are donating their time to help underprivileged, disabled and terminally ill children enjoy the holiday of a lifetime.

Among those set to appear at the classic event – supported by KOS Media – are Dave's stand-up comedy pals Jim Davidson, Bobby Davro and Bradley Walsh, as well as former boxing champion Barry McGuigan, ex-EastEnder Shaun Williamson and television presenter Stephen Mulhern.

The charity tournament, which is in aid of Dave Lee's Happy Holidays, will be held at Chart Hills Golf Club, Biddenden, on Sunday, September 5.

Willing

Dave said: "We are just amazed at the way these people are willing to give up their time to help the kids.

"It will be an autograph-hunter's paradise. These celebrities don't hide behind minders and barriers – they enjoy public contact and want to help in any way they can. And apart from the golf, which will be world class, there is plenty more for families to do."

Other celebrities to have signed up for the tournament include former England footballer Luther Blissett, cricketers Martin Saggers and Derek Underwood, and Gillingham boss Andy Hessenthaler.

Dave Lee's Happy Holidays owns five holiday homes in Camber Sands and has sent more than 45,000 children and their families on holidays to places like Tenerife, Disneyland Paris and Disney World in Florida.

The charity has been running since 1994, and should pass the £2 million donation landmark this year.

Dave, from Herne, near Canterbury, said of the golf day: "This really is a gold star event on the Kent calendar and we want as many people as possible to join in and help continue to bring some sunshine into the lives of those who need our help the most.

"We have plenty of catering too so that will give mum some time off, and dad will like the licensed bar.

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"I am so proud of all the volunteers who make this possible. No one takes money out of the charity, so all the cash we bring in goes to holidays for the kids."

Admission is £5, children get in for nothing and parking is also free.

Teams of three can sign up to play, with a celebrity picked to play with them at a cost of £700, which includes 18 holes on the Nick Faldo-designed course, breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and a four-course meal.

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FUNNY MAN: Local comedian Dave Lee has gathered a team of golfing stars

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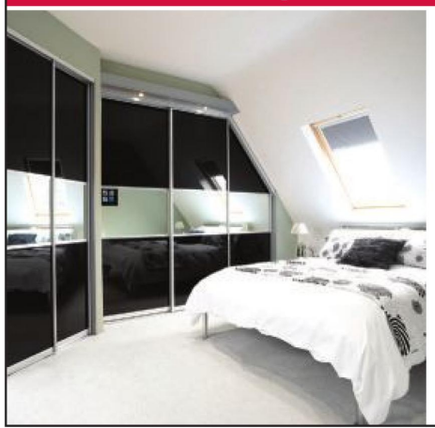

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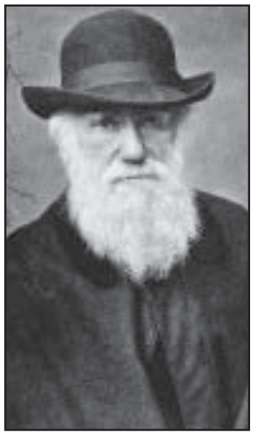

NO-GO: Darwin's ex home was rejected as heritage site

IT WAS the birthplace of one of the most important theories of all time and the setting of a study that sparked the age-old science versus religion conflict, ***writes Marijke Cox***.

But Charles Darwin's laboratory at Down House, located in Downe in Bromley, has been rejected as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

This is despite calls for more sites of scientific significance to be recognised.

In 2000, the organisation gave Canterbury Cathedral, the ruins of St Augustine's Abbey and St Martin's Church joint World Heritage status, but they remain the only places in Kent to have been given the honour.

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport's bid for Darwin's Landscape Laboratory – where the naturalist lived and worked – was deferred on the grounds that further in-depth study and analysis were needed.

It was put back to the UK authorities to address the issues.

Officials from the World Heritage Committee, however, said the site was strong in terms of recognising scientific discovery.

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt said while it was disappointing for all those involved in the bid, he was pleased it could be looked at again and strengthened for re-nomination.

"I'm pleased the committee has recognised the value of the site not only in terms of historical interest, but the celebration of achievements in science, paving the way for including a greater representation of the heritage of science and technology on the World Heritage List," he said.

Outstanding

Those behind the bid have said the UK stands by its view that Down House and its surroundings are a uniquely valuable site for the world heritage of science.

Leader of Bromley council, Cllr Stephen Carr, said: "It is an outstanding site for the heritage of science and for the world's understanding of biodiversity.

"The International Union for Conservation of Nature has inspected the site and established that almost all the natural features that were important for Darwin in his science survive."

He added: "It is remarkable that we can walk in the historic woods and country around the village of Downe, just as Darwin did over 100 years ago.

"It is essential that we maintain and protect the natural environment for our future generations."

Darwin's former home and laboratory in the Kent North Downs is surrounded by countryside and the naturalist walked in the Downe and Cudham valleys every day as part of his study into natural sciences.

He moved to the house in 1842 after his five-year journey around the world on HMS Beagle and rarely left the area until his death in 1882.

Naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough declared his support of the bid to be named a World Heritage site to celebrate the importance of Down House.

He said: "The house and its surroundings must surely have a pre-eminent claim to be given World Heritage status."

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Rare treat as the Maid of Kent returns home after half a century

MAID OF KENT: The beetle has been identified in Kent after an absence of nearly 60 years

GOOD news for lovers of all things creepy-crawly – there are now two ultra-rare species back on Kent's map, ***writes Chris Murphy***.

The Maid of Kent beetle was so scarce that experts believed it had become extinct in the country, while the rare spoonworm has been sighted again on the seabed off Hythe.

The beetle was found during a recent survey at the RSPB Elmley Marshes nature reserve, hiding beneath fresh cow pats.

Warden Gordon Allison said: "The site is a prime example of coastal grazing marsh. The presence of the Maid of Kent beetle at Elmley shows the benefits of good land management and how important it is for the protection of rare species found nowhere else.

"As well as being a great rarity in UK terms, it's a pretty smart looking insect. Most people would imagine beetles to be dull looking things, but the Maid of Kent is like a cross between a bumble bee and a beetle.

SPOONWORM: Found off Hythe

"It can land in fresh cow pats, burrow through them and emerge clean as a whistle on the other side."

The Maid of Kent beetle is thought to have been attracted to Elmley due to the large herd of cattle grazing the land, meaning there is plenty of dung around.

The Maid of Kent was put on the endangered list almost a quarter of a century ago because it hadn't been seen in the UK since 1966 and not in Kent since the 1950s.

Meanwhile, an Environment Agency research team of volunteer divers have found spoonworms off Hythe – hundreds of miles from their usual habitat in the Scottish lochs.

The survey was sponsored by the Kent and Medway Biological Records Centre, with the worm found living in silty sediments in St Mary's Bay.

Records show spoonworms were last found in the area about 25 years ago and following their rediscovery the site could now be put forward for special protection.

Tom Reid, technical specialist for the EA, said: "Confirming the presence of spoonworms in the Channel shows there is a new habitat type that has never been described before. This is important because it means this area can now be considered for protection."

More dives are planned to establish the size of the colony.

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School's turbine a first for MoD

BRITAIN'S first wind turbine to be built on land owned by the MoD has gone up in Kent.

Energy firm E.ON chose the Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover for the project, which will help the MoD meet its environmental and energy targets.

The school, which educates the children of serving military personnel, is a member of the Eco Schools programme.

Michael Woodhead, MD of E.ON's sustainable energy business, said: "We're delighted the wind turbine is up and running and providing green energy to the school.

"As well as the financial benefits, the turbine will be used in lessons, helping students and staff learn about carbon reduction and renewable energy. We all need to do our bit to tackle climate change, and generating renewable energy at home, at school or in the workplace will help greatly."

The turbine has three blades and stands 15 metres high. It is connected through the estates office, where real-time data is collected and can be accessed via the school's intranet.

Bill was number 1

SEAFRANCE'S first official employee died last Sunday after a battle with cancer.

Sales director Bill Laidlaw, 63, succumbed to leukaemia after being taken to hospital with an infection.

Seafrance managing director Robin Wilkins said: "He was the original employee – staff number 001– and with his drive and enthusiasm played a vital role in building the company. As co-director, running mate, confidante and all-round safe pair of hands, I have valued Bill's contribution more than anyone."

Text threat bully

A TEXT bully has been given a restraining order after pleading guilty to harassing a teenage girl.

Danielle Smith, 18, of Square Hill Road, Maidstone, sent threatening mobile phone messages to her 17-year-old victim between May 15 and June 26, this year.

She also sent messages to friends and associates on an online social media network, knowing the information would be passed on. Smith was sentenced at Mid Kent Magistrates' Court on August 2.

Wembley dream

FOOTBALL fanatic Lewis Pring's dream came true when he stood alongside Manchester United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar before the Community Shield at Wembley last weekend.

The seven-year-old from Rochester was one of the winners of the McDonald's player escort programme, giving him the chance to help lead Sir Alex Ferguson's side onto the hallowed turf before watching them beat Chelsea in the curtain-raiser for the Premier League season.

Lewis said: "I can't believe I walked out at Wembley with my heroes."

Benefit Britain dependency culture target of overhaul

THOUSANDS of people on out-of-work benefits are the target of a radical welfare reform aimed at putting a stop to "benefit Britain", ***writes Marijke Cox***.

Government plans to overhaul the system could affect the 110,850 people claiming unemployment benefits in Kent and Medway. Across the South East, more than 170,000 children live in workless households, which is 11.6 per cent of all homes with children.

One option being suggested would be to replace the numerous jobless benefits with a single payment which would gradually be withdrawn as a person went back to work.

The benefit would be tailored for claimants, making sure they were better off in employment than on the dole. The plans were put forward by work and pensions secretary Iain Duncan Smith, who said the current system was "on the verge of breakdown".

He added: "A system developed to help the most vulnerable is trapping people in a cycle of dependency. We have children growing up in households where neither parent works, and where the only future is one stuck on benefits.

KENT PEOPLE CLAIMING OUT-OF-WORK BENEFITS

Authority	Claimants	% working age pop
KCC	90,680	10.8
Ashford	6,350	9.4
Canterbury	8,520	9.2
Dartford	5,920	10.3
Dover	7,920	12.9
Gravesham	7,270	12.3
Maidstone	7,980	9.1
Sevenoaks	4,700	6.9
Shepway	8,220	14.3
Swale	10,650	13.4
Thanet	13,020	17.9
Ton & Malling	5,200	7.5
Tun Wells	4,910	7.8
Medway	20,170	12.7

"This is a tragedy. We are proposing to change for ever how the system works. Not tinkering at the edges, but a fundamental change, making it easier to help people into work, fairer to those who pay for the welfare state and continuing to provide unconditional support to those who need it."

The main focus is to show people it pays to work through measures including allowing former claimants to keep more of what they earn as they move into work.

Benefits would be withdrawn at a more reasonable rate while the person begins to earn more. Monthly earnings for families struggling financially would also be supplemented. Start-up costs for the overhaul, however, could be as much as £3 billion. Sevenoaks MP Michael Fallon, a member of the Commons Treasury committee, said that was now being debated.

"We are looking at how much we can spend up-front before we start seeing a change," he said. "The money spent now we will get back over time as the welfare system is changed. With more people working, more will be paying tax. It's essential there is a change in the system. Too many have been on benefits for too long. That creates a dependency culture.

"We've also got to make sure people on incapacity benefits who are able to do some work, do so."

Meanwhile, plans are also being developed to give more power to credit ratings firms in helping the Government clamp down on benefit cheats and overpayments, which is costing the country £5.2bn a year.

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Shops urged to stay sharp

SIX shopkeepers sold knives and bladed tools to underage youngsters, prompting Medway Council to launch a clampdown.

Traders gave the goods – including two kitchen knives, a serrated plaster saw and three craft knives – to children sent into shops by the Trading Standards team. Thirty-three other businesses refused to sell knives to the youngsters. Council staff are urging shops to check ID before taking payment for sharp objects.

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Drivers face speed changes on M20

By MARIJKE COX
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VARIABLE speed limits will be enforced by cameras on a six-mile stretch of the M20 following a public consultation.

The controlled motorway system will be installed between Junctions 4 (West Malling) and 7 (Maidstone) and will allow the Highways Agency to manage traffic flows by slowing vehicles down or closing lanes after an accident.

Underground sensors will be used to detect the volume of traffic, the speed it is travelling and how it is flowing.

But the multi-million pound system, due to be introduced later this month, has come under fire from the Association of British Drivers.

When the plans were introduced earlier this year, Kent branch secretary Brian McDowell said: "We strongly object to the idea of sensors under the road deciding how fast vehicles should be able to travel, which is akin to boys playing with train sets.

"To think that on a road system you can have automatic controls similar to what you have on railways is absolutely fallacious."

He added that the differing speed limits and cameras will make motorists more nervous about being caught when they should be concentrating on the road in front of them.

But officials from the Highways Agency believe the changes will tackle congestion and make journeys safer and more reliable for motorists. Regional performance manager Barry Westwood said it will bring great benefits to drivers on the busy section of the M20. "The system is already being used successfully on the M25 between Junctions 10 and 16, and on the M42 between Junctions 3A to 7," he said.

"On the M25, where the system has been in place since 1995, it has helped make the motorway safer by reducing the frequency of collisions by 10 per cent and by encouraging drivers to keep within the speed limits to provide smoother, more reliable journeys during peak times."

He added: "An overall reduction in emissions of between two per cent and eight per cent has been recorded on the M25."

Advisory variable speed limits have been in operation on the M20 since July 2007, with suggested speeds flashed to motorists when the road is busy via matrix boards linked to underground road sensors, but there is currently no legal requirement to obey them.

But following a 12-week public consultation earlier this year by the Highways Agency, it was found that the majority of people were in favour of the new scheme.

It came after reports that motorists caught speeding in Kent and Medway last year paid a total of more than £2 million in fines.

However, there has been a 63 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured since speed cameras were introduced on the county's roads.

UP TO SPEED: The variable speed limit system has proved successful on other roads

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Crackdown on speeding

A CLAMPDOWN on speeding motorists resulted in more than 120 prosecutions in just two months.

The Kent Police operation ran throughout June and July and targeted the M20, M2, A2 and other main commuter routes into and out of London during rush hours.

It also resulted in the arrest of one road-user caught travelling at 120mph. Officers used unmarked and marked motorbikes as well as marked patrol cars to catch motorists who were speeding, driving in an antisocial manner or committing any other traffic-related offence.

They issued cautions, fines and prosecution notices, and also gave advice on safer driving when necessary.

PC Dave Greenwood revealed that about six people are killed on Kent's roads every month, with many more seriously injured.

He said: "Motorists are often in a hurry to get to and from work, but this doesn't excuse careless and dangerous driving.

"Kent Police takes a zero tolerance approach to serious traffic offences, and by prosecuting more than 120 people during this operation it shows this sort of behaviour will not be tolerated.

"If caught committing an offence you risk a fine, a driving ban and potentially a prison sentence or losing your job. I urge people to think about the consequences to yourself and your family of being involved in a serious collision. You could kill or maim yourself or someone else.

"This is why, with our road safety partners, we are determined to make our roads as safe as possible."

Throughout the course of the operation 123 people were prosecuted for speeding, 45 fixed penalty notices were issued and 22 notices for vehicle defects handed out.

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Destinations of Sixth Form leavers 2009

Name	*Previous School*	*Course*	*University*
Josh Adcock	Oakwood Park Grammar	English	University of Bristol
Sara Akay	British Intl School, Istanbul	Film & Performing Arts	Vanarts, Vancouver, Canada
Matthew Allen	Dartford Grammar	Economics	Swansea University
Isaac Ampofo	Sutton Valence	Sport & Exercise Science	UWI Cardiff
Phakpoom Angpanitcharon	Thai Government Scholar	Chemistry	St Johns, Oxford University
Matthew Barnes	Gravesend Grammar	Physics	University of Exeter
Richard Barnes	King's School, Rochester	Engineering	Birmingham City University
Mohamed Bassiony	Rochester Maths	Medicine	University of Liverpool
Georgina Battell	Cranbrook School	Agricultural Management	University of Reading
Hannah Beard	Weald of Kent Grammar	History of Art	University of York
Sean Bing	British Intl School, Lagos	Systems Engineering	Loughborough University
Amreeta Brah	Rainham Mark Grammar	English	University of Southampton
Sam Broughton	Dartford Grammar	Sociology	University of Leeds
Max Cambridge	Rochester Grammar	European Lit & Philosophy	Royal Holloway, London
Josh Cheema	Gravesend Grammar	Engineering	St Hughes, Oxford University
Cara Lai	Christian Schule, Germany	English	University of Leicester
Gareth Davies	King's School, Rochester	Mathematics & Statistics	University of Nottingham
Camille de Caestecker	Ashford School	Veterinary Nursing	Royal Veterinary College
Omar Dhillon	Chislehurst Grammar	Biomedical Sciences	Newcastle University
Gurdeep Dosanjh	Gravesend Grammar	Biomedicine	University of East Anglia
Alexandra Goncharuk	Heritage School Cyprus	Creative Writing	Brunel University
Sarun Gulyanon	Thai Government Scholar	Computer Science	University of Edinburgh
Kate Harford	St Martin's School, Essex	Politics & Sociology	Durham University
William Hilton	Kent College, Canterbury	Hospitality Management	Oxford Brookes University
Rebecca Hopkins	Rochester Grammar	Media & Cultural Studies	University of Birmingham
William Hunt	Gresham's School, Norfolk	Marketing & Management	Manchester Metropolitan
Tanatorn Khotavivattana	Thai Government Scholar	Chemistry	Merton, Oxford University
Christopher King	Enfield Grammar	Architectural Engineering	Cardiff University
Gary Malone	McKenzie, Botswana	Physics with Astrophysics	University of Nottingham
Tom May	Chatham Grammar	English & American Lit	University of Kent
Oliver Martin	The Charter School	Social Policy & Sociology	University of Leeds
George Matthews	Maidstone Grammar	Veterinary Medicine	University of Nottingham
Ravnique Mattu	Rochester Grammar	Pharmacy	Medway School of Pharmacy
Christopher Middleham	Borden Grammar	History	University of Lincoln
Tristram Miles	Simon Langton Grammar	Ancient History	University of Leicester
Thomas Morgan	Gravesend Grammar	Business & Economics	University of East Anglia
Mustafa Mossa	Wrotham High School	Pharmacy	Medway School of Pharmacy
Tom Mounty	Gravesend Grammar	History	Royal Holloway, London
Joel Olbert	Stanbridge Earls	Business & Management	University of Buckingham
Arshina Patel	Townley Grammar	Pharmacy	University of Sunderland
Krupa Patel	Northfleet School for Girls	Drama and English	Brunel University
Rakhee Patel	Gravesend Grammar	Dentistry	Queen Mary, London
Roshni Patel	Gravesend Grammar	Medicine	St George's, London
James Pentecost	Rochester Maths	Law	University of Hull
Napat Poovuttikul	Thai Government Scholar	Theoretical Physics	Imperial College, London
Nuttapol Risangud	Thai Government Scholar	Chemistry	University of Manchester
Eve Russell	Maidstone Grammar	Biomedical Sciences	University of Liverpool
Emmanuel Samuel	St John's Comprehensive	Music Management	Bucks New University
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Council chiefs refute beach sewage claim

By **MARIJKE COX**

SEASIDE councillors have dismissed calls to strip Thanet's beaches of their prestigious Blue Flags as "scaremongering".

It follows protests by campaigners Surfers Against Sewage (SAS), who claim there is no system in place to warn the public if there is sewage in the sea.

The group highlighted Joss Bay in Broadstairs, Margate's main sands, West Bay in Westgate, Botany Bay in Kingsgate and Ramsgate main sands in a list of 35 UK beaches they believe should be temporarily stripped of the esteemed Blue Flag award.

The commendation is awarded only to those beaches that have achieved the highest quality in water, facilities, safety, environmental education and management.

Under a Freedom of Information Act request, SAS found Thanet District Council was one of a number of local authorities that failed to request real-time information on combined sewage overflow (CSO) discharge.

The group is now calling on the Blue Flag's governing body, the Foundation for Environmental Education, to look into the situation.

Picture: BRITISH TOURIST AUTHORITY

FLYING THE FLAG: Margate main sands was recently awarded a Blue Flag

But council chiefs hit out at the protesters, saying the group had no understanding of local conditions and the assertions were based on a "blanket approach" to the issue.

A spokeswoman said: "They seem unaware of the major work undertaken by Southern Water to completely change the management of sewage in Thanet, which amounted to an investment of more than £80 million in the last few years.

Assumption

"This investment helped to ensure that waste discharges did not affect the water quality around our coast."

The spokeswoman added that the final discharge point for treated clean water was some two miles out at sea.

"The criteria quoted by Surfers Against Sewage is based on an assumption that a hazard exists and would lead to action in relation to the Blue Flags," she said.

"This situation does not occur in Thanet as a result of the problem raised by them about CSOs and Thanet fully complies with the requirements of the Blue Flag system.

"We would wish to assure people that the Blue Flags are fully merited and are in no way affected by the scaremongering of Surfers Against Sewage."

A total of nine blue flags were awarded to Thanet's beaches in May.

Minnis Bay, St Mildred's Bay, West Bay, Botany Bay, Joss Bay, Ramsgate main sands, Westbrook Bay, Margate main sands and Stone Bay in Broadstairs all carry a Blue Flag.

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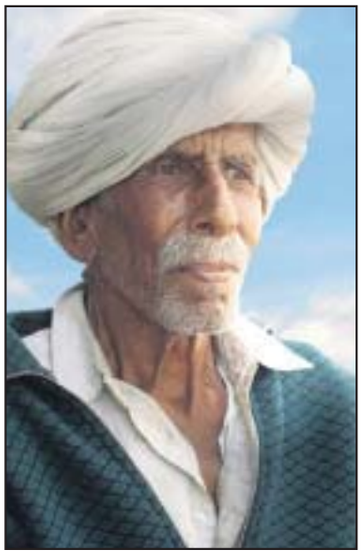

SACRED: The Sikh turban headwear

MP backs turban search fears

SIKHS upset at having their turbans manhandled by airport security staff have won the backing of Tory MP Gareth Johnson.

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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Regulations introduced by the European Union in April mean followers of the Asian religion can now be asked to unravel their headwear or have it 'patted down' if the metal detector bleeps when they walk through.

Mr Johnson's Dartford constituency has a thriving Sikh community and the new MP is taking up the fight on their behalf.

"The people I've spoken to have said that to search someone's turban is like carrying out a strip search on a non-Sikh," he said.

"It's humiliating for people and should be stopped where possible. I don't want to tie the security people's hands so they can't fight terror, but we need a common-sense approach to protect people's right to follow their religion.

"I don't think we should have this situation of turbans being searched when we have the technology to scan them instead."

Mr Johnson raised the issue with Transport Secretary Philip Hammond during a debate in the House of Commons.

He was told that following a "furious reaction" from the Sikh community, the Government had instructed all UK airports to ignore the EU regulations and revert to using handheld wands to scan turbans. Only if the scanner bleeps again will security staff be permitted to request the headwear be unravelled.

Mr Hammond said: "There is a large and well-integrated Sikh community in the UK, and special arrangements to take account of their headwear have existed at least since the introduction of compulsory motorcycle helmets [in 1973]. On June 25 I instructed UK airports that they should temporarily revert to previous arrangements, despite the EU rules. The Sikh community has recognised this positive step and we are now working with them and with the EU to identify a suitable way forward.

"The ultimate solution probably lies in the introduction of scanners as a primary means of security screening at our airports, but at the moment this cannot be done under EU rules. Part of my discussion with the EU is seeking to persuade it that we can resolve the particular problems of religious headwear by addressing the wider issue of adopting scanners as a primary screening method."

Dabinderjit Singh of the Sikh Federation said it was disrespectful for anyone else to touch somebody's turban. He added: "It is almost a humiliation. It is very difficult to describe when someone touches your turban. Sikhs regard it as a crown."

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700 TV licence dodgers caught

ALMOST 700 people have been caught without a television licence so far this year.

Figures include 373 in Maidstone, 161 in Canterbury and 144 in Dover, and contribute to the 209,000 people caught across the UK since January.

TV Licensing spokesman Ian Fannon said: "We take licence evasion very seriously and will not hesitate to prosecute."

Trucker is jailed by 'virtual' court

A LORRY driver who crashed while more than three times over the drink-drive limit has been jailed.

Lithuanian Turlekas Kestutis, 47, caused the accident last Sunday in Wrotham Road, Gravesend, and was charged and sentenced within two hours. The speed of his case was possible due to a new 'virtual court' scheme linking north Kent police station in Northfleet with Medway Magistrates' Court. Kestutis was jailed for 84 days and banned from driving for three years.

Getting defensive

THE Environment Agency is due to start work on a £1.1 million sea defence project to protect homes in east Kent.

About 473 households between Seasalter, near Whitstable, and Graveney, near Faversham, will benefit from the cash injection, which will result in the refurbishment of groynes and the delivery of extra shingle.

Agency spokesman Mark Douch said: "With our climate changing and sea levels rising, the risks and number of people affected are likely to increase."

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Blog about Gills

YOUNG Gillingham FC fans are needed to blog on the team's performance in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

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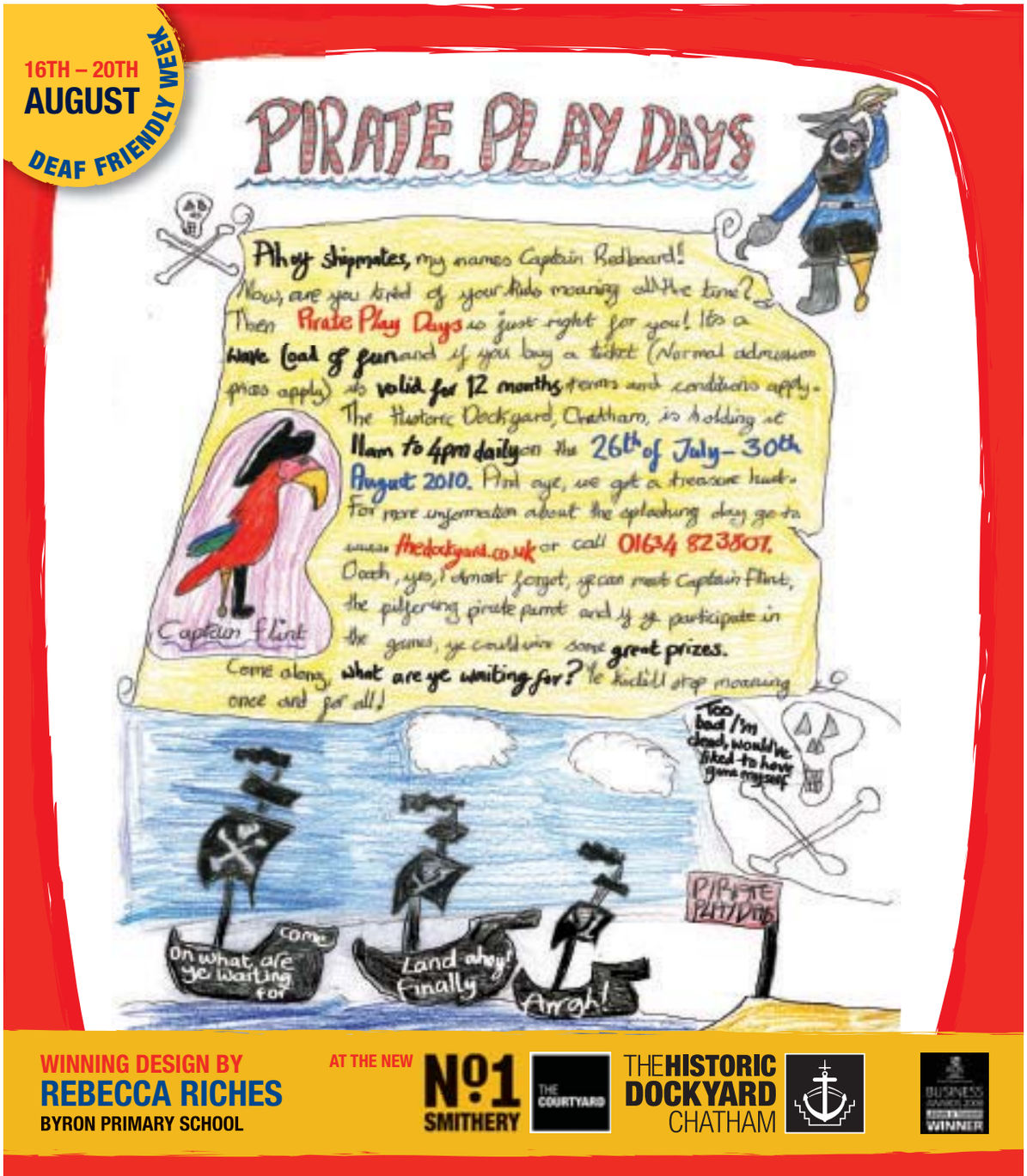

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STYLE: More than 250 people attended the gathering at Ightham Warren where they were able to feast their eyes on dozens of red hot Ferraris and then their stomachs on tasty food

Garden party is red hot

By **JON COATES**
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A GARDEN party with a racy Italian theme has raised £13,000 for a children's hospice.

More than 250 guests attended the Foskers Concours d'Elegance and Garden Party held at Ightham Warren in aid of Demelza.

The theme of the party was Ferrari through the ages and guests were met with a sea of red in the form of more than 80 Ferraris spread around the gardens of the estate in Tonbridge Road, Ightham.

Many of the cars on display, belonging to David Piper, Bryn Williams and Max Wakefield, were rarely seen in public, including a Ferrari P2, 365P, 206 Dino, P4 replica and T33. Other cars which turned heads on the lawn were a selection of 288 GTOs, F40s, F50s, Dinos, Daytonas, Boxers, 360s and 430s.

The Italian marque has been synonymous with style, speed and wealth for decades.

To coincide with the display an Italian lunch was provided by the award-winning kitchens of The Swan in West Malling, before a charity auction was held, which raised £13,000 for the Demelza hospice based in Bobbing, near Sittngbourne.

Sally Brighton gave a speech giving an insight into the work of Demelza before the auction, which was followed by entertainment from comedian Roger De Courcey.

James Needham, who hosted the event at his home, said: "This year was a truly magnificent event and definitely one for next year's calendar.

"We must thank everyone for bringing their Ferraris to this wonderful event and Foskers Engineering of Brands Hatch, who worked tirelessly to ensure it was a success."

Email jamesneedham@btopenworld.com to get involved in next year's event.

FACT FILE

Demelza Kent is an eight-bedded hospice in Sittingbourne, providing respite, symptom control, end-of-life care and bereavement support.

Life-limited children and their families benefit from a wide range of facilities that include a multi-sensory room, Jacuzzi, and an 'Inclusion Zone' for young adults.

The care team, led by children's specialist palliative care nurses, aim to make the most of every moment the child spends at Demelza House.

The hospice also offers a comprehensive service of support using a bereavement suite – known as the Hop Garden – which enables a family to let go and say goodbye at their own pace.

See www.demelza.org.uk to find out more about their work.

LETTERS

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LETTER OF THE WEEK

Future care for the elderly

I am gravely concerned about the proposals Kent County Council has regarding the sale and closures of homes for the elderly.

I am further worried because so often public bodies make up their minds what they will do beforehand, and so any 'consultation' becomes a sham.

In principle I am not against the private sector providing services where economies of scale and infrastructure can produce measurable success. However, I fail to see how a company seeking to make profits for its shareholders can save money without sacrificing the quality of staff and therefore care.

Let me declare my personal interest in that my mother is a resident of Wayfarers in Sandwich, where she is very happy and well cared for. For elderly people the continuity of staff is of paramount importance as residents build trust and friendship over a period of time.

I have many friends with parents in residential homes across the UK, and the common theme is high staff turnover makes for unhappy residents. The only way to cut costs is to replace highly motivated, caring, well-trained staff with students, temps and workers from outside the UK who are prepared to work at the statutory minimum wage.

Other costs, like utilities, maintenance and food, are the same, whoever runs a home, hence my assertion that cost-cutting on staff is the only way to make a profit.

The thought that my mother, along with many other residents hoping to enjoy their twilight years, will be upset and unsettled because of a blatant cost-cutting exercise fills me with horror.

Seeking the views of those who may need residential care in the future should not override the interests of those in care now.

Gilly Horton, Broadstairs

OPINION: THE POWER OF ONE SUN

The 65th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki highlights that the world faces far more pressing dangers – and the nuclear age is over, says **TIM GARBUTT**

THE atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945, killed more than 110,000 civilians at once – a flash so bright it burned people's shadows into the pavement – with a similar number dying over the next five years from burns and cancers.

Yet perhaps as never before, a nuclear-free world beckons, with North Korea facing renewed sanctions as a nuclear pariah threatening Seoul, Tokyo and perhaps even the Russian nuclear fleet in Vladivostok and Beijing itself.

Meanwhile, the closure of Futenma airbase in Okinawa represents the end of the last main US military umbrella in East Asia. With Japan and Taiwan forswearing nuclear weapons, North Korea remains the last block to the nuclear-free regions of South East Asia and the South Pacific.

President Obama may have gained a Nobel Peace Prize for reducing nuclear weapons with Russia, but the danger of a Jihadist bomb, with Iran and Pakistan, has never been greater.

Or worse, the rogue nations of central Africa and the Sahara trading with Burma and North Korea for missile and nuclear technology. Disarmament has perhaps never been closer than in the late 1970s, when the dictatorships of Argentina and Brazil, and even South Africa, scrapped their nuclear ambitions.

Britain and France have both scaled back the EU's nuclear potential in the face of budget cuts and the likelihood that any threat now comes from backpack bombers rather than fleets of ships and planes.

But here in Kent, are nuclear weapons an irrelevance? Largely so, aside from those still suffering the aftermath of British nuclear tests of the 1950s, toxic waste from nuclear submarines at Chatham or uranium-tipped weaponry from the Gulf War. Meanwhile the threat of nuclear technology via our ports and shipping represents an atomic lottery of containerisation.

The planning situation at Lydd airport illustrates concerns about proximity to Dungeness. And worries at Manston over banned EgyptAir flights landing at the closed airport are less the beginnings of a jihad over Kent and more about the downgrading of safety measures and the potential for accidents.

The theft of fission material or broken flasks of toxic material in a train accident are a likelihood, while disposal of nuclear waste in the Channel poses an issue for future generations.

Meanwhile, discussions by the Mayors for Peace organisation (www.mayorsforpeace.org) is perhaps the single most effective way for Kent's towns to unite with the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, on the 65th anniversary, to reduce the impact of nuclear weapons and technology. Medway Council already works with Mayors for Peace, along with more than half of the 100 most populous cities of the world. The Decade of Disarmament sponsored by the UN will undoubtedly result in at least 'threshold status' for nuclear weapons, warehoused on land with UN inspections, and the removal of stocks of other WMD of chemicals, nerve gas, napalm, phosphorous and landmines.

With the defence review recommending the merger of the RAF and Navy, perhaps it's simply a matter of time before much of the Royal Navy and EU fleets are placed under UN control for humanitarian duties and crises.

The reality is that the greatest threat to world peace is no longer a nuclear Armageddon, but dictatorships and the failure to achieve the UN millennium goals. With the anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki having now passed, Europe can follow Asia in beginning to establish a nuclear-free zone. Climate change and the importance of renewable energy represents a final nail in the coffin of nuclear fuels. In future, real power – not brighter than a thousand suns – rests on the renewable power of one sun.

• Tim Garbutt is MD of Sincerity Agency, a green and ethical advertising agency based in east Kent – www.sincerityagency.com.

KOS media COMMENT

We must toughen up on knife crime

A DISTRAUGHT father whose teenage son was stabbed and killed on a night out has pleaded for a meeting with the Prime Minister to try to do something to stop people carrying knives.

His idea to bring in a mandatory six-month custodial sentence for anyone caught carrying a blade seems simple and should, by design, prove effective.

But unfortunately for Colin Knox, we live in a country with a legal system that seems to favour the bad guys.

We're only too used to repeat offenders being given no more than a slap on the wrist or hardened criminals let out of prison early, just to go out and re-offend.

The idea of a mandatory custodial sentence makes sense – if someone is caught carrying a knife they get punished. Simple.

The technicalities of tradesmen needing to carry knives, which some use as an argument against set punishments, is also simple – it's called common sense.

There's a difference between a chippie on his way to work and a youth with a flick-knife in his back pocket.

Most people on the street don't carry knives, so those who do must have a reason.

If someone knows they'll definitely get a six-month sentence, maybe they'll think twice about carrying one.

But until politicians overturn our soft justice system, nothing will change.

Criminals aren't scared of the law – they laugh at it. As they should, until a brave leader puts his foot down against knife crime.

The first day of the rest of your life…

GOOD luck to all those A-level students out there who will be nervously opening their results this week.

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Team effort stopped KIG

While it was kind of you to describe Kent Green Party as being "heavily involved" in the battle to stop Kent International Gateway, I would suggest more credit for defeating the plan should be given to StopKIG, the joint parishes, Maidstone council and Protect Kent.

In particular, local campaign group StopKIG provided tireless opposition and ran one of the best campaigns I've seen. They deserve true thanks for their excellent work.

The defeat of KIG was a team effort with united opposition from many. It was an honour to play our part in the campaign.

Stuart Jeffery, Kent Green Party

Don't ignore the good word

I found Clive Wilkins-Oppler's agnostic rant (Letters, last week) disingenuous. Whether one believes in a god or not, there can be little doubt that if the values required of us by the Bible were universally adopted, there could be very little trouble in the world.

For those of us who do believe in a creator, it makes sense that he would know what is best for us and instruct us in how to live a trouble-free and productive life.

Seeing what happens in this world, with the mass deaths of millions when his instructions are ignored, makes sense of why he finds these instructions to be so vitally important.

There are a number of instances in the Bible where groups of people did follow God's laws and prospered. Indeed there have been some amazing instances through history where the only answer could have been God's intervention, such as the Dunkirk evacuation hailed as a "miracle of deliverance".

I agree with Mr Wilkins-Oppler's assertion that the Anglican Church are reinterpreting the Bible, as this has been their ongoing task since the establishment formed it to do their will. This is why they have been part of the 'pangs of distress' of the world and why they have no answer to today's problems.

Christ told us many false prophets would come, and unfortunately many people believe them rather than find the truth for themselves. These false prophets just reinforce people's desire to take what they think is the easy way.

Phil Granger, West Malling

At the root of tree-cutting

Trees in Downs Road, Folkestone, have been cut back for very good safety reasons, which reader John O'Neon would not be aware of (Stumped by this civic vandalism, Letters, last week).

They were either dead or showing signs of disease. Kent Highways carried out the work after the problems were identified during a routine safety check. We plan to replace the affected trees, provided ground conditions are suitable.

Cllr Nick Chard, cabinet member for highways, KCC

No excuse for animal cruelty

It is offensive of Derek Packham to suggest supporters of the League Against Cruel Sports "don't have a clue about cruelty or hunting".

Members are well-educated on animal welfare and campaign tirelessly against those who, in the name of sport, inflict unnecessary suffering on terrified creatures unable to defend themselves.

Mr Packham insists fox attacks on people and homes are more common than reported, but this I very much doubt. Apart from the babies bitten in their cots in London, and a teenager allegedly nipped on the foot while camping in Surrey, I don't recall hearing of any other incidents of this nature.

The fact these sensational occurrences are so rare is why they attract blanket media coverage.

Mr Packham asserts there is no difference between hunting with dogs and chickens being hunted by foxes, when actually there is a world of difference. Foxhunting is a gruesome, anachronistic activity adored by a tiny minority of bloodthirsty sadists, whereas when foxes prey on chickens they are simply obeying their survival instincts. Hunting for food is natural. Hunting for sport is obscene.

I remember reading years ago that some hunters were discovered participating in covert breeding to keep fox numbers high so there would be an abundance of quarry.

I wouldn't be surprised to learn hunting groups are still breeding foxes, training them to be savage and releasing them into residential areas in the hope that they will attack people so that public opinion turns against them and calls are made to overturn the ban.

From 2012 bullfighting will be abolished in the Catalonia region of mainland Spain after the Catalan parliament voted to outlaw it.

Across the globe, barbaric outdated traditions are rapidly on the wane. Soon, publicly announcing that one supports cruel sports will be as universally reviled as racism and homophobia.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler, Canterbury

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BSEISO
Mohammed and Yassmina of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Ryan Bseiso, on 6th August 2010. A much loved new grandson and nephew.

DARBY
Melissa and Tony Darby of Margate celebrate the birth of their daughter Isabella Mary-Ann Darby on 24th July 2010. Our most beautiful and precious daughter.

GRIFFITHS
Nathan and Louise are delighted to announce the birth of their son Jacob Benjamin, little brother for Thomas William. Jacob was born on 28 July 2010 and weighed 7lbs 13oz.

HART
Gary and Michelle would like to welcome Jenson Lucas Hart into the world. Born on the 27th July 2010.

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Claire and Martin are very happy to announce the birth of their beautiful son Tyler James Hill. Tyler was born in the very early hours at 00.26 am on the 30th July 2010 and weighed 6lb 13oz.

MEARS
Lara Elizabeth born on the 8th July 2010 to Stuart and Liz. Sophie is very pleased to have a new baby sister.

MOKONE
Kaya born on 31st July 2010, weighing 8lbs 2oz. Daughter to Edyta Busko-Mokone and Herman Mokone in Maidstone.

PEAKE
Eleanor Rachel Peake born on 20th July 2010 weighing 8lbs 15oz. Daughter to Jennifer and Matthew and sister to Nathan in West Malling.

PHAGURA
Sukh and Sat are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son Taran Singh Phagura. He was born at home on the 25th July 2010 at 3.15 am. He is a much wanted brother and play mate for Ricky.

POOLE
Jon and Sarah of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Ann, on 2nd August 2010. A new sister for Joshua.

VAUGHAN-WHITING
Macie Anne Vaughan-Whiting born on 29th July 2010 weighing 8lbs 7ozs. Daughter to Laura and Lewis in Margate.

WICKHAM
Kerria and Adam Wickham celebrate the birth of their son Zacharie Thomas Wickham on 26th July 2010 weighing 7lbs 12oz. Grandson to Alyson and Steve Lovell and Tina and David Wickham.

DEATHS

CARE (NEE MOCK)
Lorna, sadly taken from us on August 1st 2010 aged 41. She will be greatly missed by her loving husband, daughter Lauren, Mum, Dad, Sisters, family and friends. Funeral service to take place at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Tuesday 17th August 2010 at 10.30am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Willow Foundation or Wisdom Hospice to c/o Doves Funeral Directors, 788 London Road, Larkfield, Kent, ME20 6BE. No black attire is requested.

WILLIAMSON
It is with great sadness we have to announce that John Williamson sadly passed away on 2nd August 2010 following his long illness. He leaves his loving wife Pamela and 3 wonderful children and 5 adorable grandchildren.

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Electoral reform has no mandate

Recently the political parties approached the electorate with the offer of a working majority government by the process of selection by a general election, although it was said before the election that this was not possible and a hung parliament would be the result.

This non-completion by the voters of a working majority offer by one party to form a government seems to be the fault of the voting public – an 'undecided electorate' – and further, the fault of the voting system that requires a referendum to allow change.

Given that the electorate seems to be held responsible for the present coalition arrangement, and also one of the coalition parties polled fewer seats than before, the present government should not be the agent of change of electoral reform, rather another third party agency.

Mr WA Laslett, Broadstairs

Catalan bullfight ban is welcome

I was delighted to hear the parliament of Catalonia has voted to ban bullfighting, despite its place in Spain's cultural tradition.

For a long time I have been concerned by this barbaric practice and this decision was an important step towards the total ban I would like to see.

Bullfighting is a continuation of a cruel age from the past, in which the suffering of animals was a spectacle for public entertainment. These practices continue to reinforce the idea that animals are nothing more than objects we may use at our whim, and they have no place in today's Europe.

Since being elected I have received numerous letters objecting to bullfighting, and I am determined to make sure no money from the EU is ever used to fund this bloody tradition.

I look forward to the day when this ban is extended across the whole of Spain.

Catherine Bearder, Liberal Democrat MEP for South East England

Three bouncers at your sports desk

Much as I enjoy the trips down memory lane as provided by your sport timeline, it would be more enjoyable if you checked your facts before going to press.

In your 50 years ago, 25 years ago and 10 years ago spots of August 8, you got it wrong. In the account of the Kent v Derbyshire match played during Canterbury Week, you stated that 'Kent wrapped up the win in just three overs of the morning session', yet according to your report, with nine second wickets in hand, Derbyshire needed 302 to win.

Given that Kent's victory was by 190 runs, Derbyshire surely did not lose those nine wickets in three overs while at the same time scoring 112 runs?

Then, 25 years ago against Essex, you tell us 'Chris Tavare went on to steer Essex to win'.

The records show Chris Tavare batted first wicket down for Kent in that match. So as far as I am aware he never played for Essex.

And what of your comment that the match against Leicestershire at Canterbury 10 years ago 'was the first Sunday one-day game of the season at St. Lawrence'?

I'm afraid that is also wrong. Although the first scheduled match at Canterbury on April 30 against Lancashire was abandoned without a ball bowled, it was certainly the first scheduled National League match at St Lawrence that season.

David Robertson, Sandwich

Private standards are more exacting

How can private institutions damage academic standards when they are required to meet more exacting standards than their public counterparts?

The University and College Union survey shows 96 per cent of professors oppose private providers "having an easier route" to becoming universities – this is absurd.

Private providers will never have an easier route and no-one has ever suggested so. This scaremongering, ignorant nonsense should be seen for what it is.

Had the survey phrased the question differently it would have produced vastly different results, for example, 'Should private providers of higher education have to jump through numerous additional bureaucratic hoops to obtain degree awarding powers, or should they have to follow exactly the same procedures and requirements as public institutions?'

As for Sally Hunt and her arrogant rant that private providers "don't deserve to be in the same league", she would be better served to put her own house in order. It is widely known that many public universities are failing institutions offering appalling levels of education with woeful standards, but no-one ever does anything about them.

It's far easier to knock the private boys but again ignorance reigns supreme. There are currently only four private providers of higher education with degree awarding powers who are not in receipt of public funds. These are for-profit organisations BPP and Ashridge Business School, and not-for-profit registered charities the College of Law and the Canterbury-based ifs School of Finance.

There are only four providers because the standards they have to meet are significantly higher than any standards that publicly-funded institutions have to meet and therefore there isn't much interest.

Perhaps the best example is that even after taking years to go through the costly, bureaucratic process of gaining degree awarding powers, these private providers are only granted them for a maximum six-year period. After that they have to reapply.

In contrast, once a public institution is granted degree awarding powers they have them 'in perpetuity', no matter how far standards and quality fall.

David Willetts is merely talking about creating a level playing field in which quality and standards are the mechanisms of judgement, not whether they are private or public.

I doubt you can find a single student who cares whether their university is public or private. They care about the quality, the standards, and ultimately their employment prospects.

Name and address supplied

Back Flello against farm feed import

MP Robert Flello is spearheading the drive for planet-friendly farming by taking forward a new bill in the Commons to limit the climate and wildlife damage caused by factory farming.

The bill aims to reduce British meat and dairy factory farms' dependence on animal feed grown in South America, which is destroying rainforests and wildlife and accelerating climate change. UK farmers need help to thrive by protecting them from yo-yoing animal feed costs and ensuring they are not squeezed by big business farming.

Our Government spends more than £700 million every year propping up factory farms while planet-friendly farmers receive little or no support.

East Kent Friends of the Earth is urging local MPs Charlie Elphicke and Laura Sandys to support the campaign and to support the Flello bill at the second reading stage in November.

Visit www.jointhemoovement.com for more information.

Stuart Cox, coordinator, East Kent FoE

Hidden dangers lurk in quarries

With the long school holidays, young people will be looking for excitement and places to hang out with their friends.

I would like to appeal to parents to ensure their youngsters are not tempted to enter local quarries uninvited. Over the past two years, six young people have died through falls or drowning at the sites of former mineral workings. While some hazards are obvious, others are less so.

The water in quarries can, for example, be icy cold and deep, with unexpected currents and obstacles hidden beneath the surface. Quarry edges can be unstable and caves dug into sand stockpiles can collapse on you.

As part of our annual campaign, the Mineral Products Association has launched a Facebook page, Stay Safe ... Stay Out of Quarries which highlights not just what can happen if you venture into a quarry without permission but also the huge impact the death of a young person in a quarry accident has on their friends and families.

The video is about the deaths of Jay Harris and Ryan Walker, two teenagers who died in quarry accidents last year. We also have a YouTube video under the same title. They are resources we hope parents and others will use to help deliver our warning. So our message is please, stay safe … stay out of quarries.

Elizabeth Clements, Mineral Products Association

Housing database will boost mobility

The creation of a national housing database will be a huge step forward for social housing tenants. Poor mobility within the sector prevents hundreds of thousands from moving home to take up employment, care for sick and elderly relatives and relieve overcrowding.

In order to create a genuine free market of house swaps, however, the scheme must ensure all landlords sign up and that it is easy for all social housing tenants to access, regardless of whether they are on the internet.

One way to support this would be the creation of a national helpline. From our experience running House Exchange – the UK's only not-for-profit mutual house exchange scheme – we know how powerful the model can be. During straitened economic times, the scheme has the potential to both improve the life chances of hundreds of thousands of tenants as well as saving money by making it easier, for example, for tenants to take up work in other parts of the country. In short, it has the potential to be a genuinely transformative development for the sector.

David Williams, executive director, Circle Anglia

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Clarissa Baldwin OBE, chief executive, Dogs Trust

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Youngsters make movie magic on new film course

YOUNG people are being given the chance to step into the shoes of their silver screen heroes through a new film-making course.

Starting on August 23 and running for one week, the course offers students the opportunity to create their own films with help from the youth division of the Stag Community Arts Centre in Sevenoaks. The course is being run at Swanley Technology College by Sevenoaks Town Council and anyone aged 11-18 can apply.

People interested in writing, acting, directing or producing are encouraged to apply for a place, at a cost of £25 for the week. At the end of the course the film will be edited by a professional film company with a screening at the Stag cinema in the autumn.

Everyone who attends the course will receive a DVD of their finished film.

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Scientists learn body of work

SIXTEEN of the county's top science students have taken part in Pfizer's biology project week at the University of Kent.

The event was organised by scientists Sheridan Piper-Brown and Holly Siggins and saw pupils investigating subjects such as the effects of dust mites on lung tissue and defects in chromosomes.

The aim of the week was to test the students' knowledge and skills, while broadening their understanding of applied science and research techniques.

Mrs Piper-Brown said: "The week brought together a group of hardworking and very bright students. We hope we have inspired them to become scientists of the future."

Take a vocational route towards a new career

By **MARIJKE COX**
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SCHOOL-leavers faced with the disappointment of missing out on a place at university are being urged to look at a vocational alternative.

It follows a steep rise in the number of applicants, coupled with university spending cuts and fewer places, where hundreds of would-be students in Kent could fail to get a place this year. Businesses are now calling on hopefuls to consider a different career path.

Research carried out by the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), the UK's leading professional body for accounting and finance staff, found 60 per cent of school-leavers in the South East ignored alternative options to university when deciding their future.

The study also found 43 per cent of those who went to university were unsure whether they had made the right choice.

Jane Scott Paul, chief executive of AAT, said a degree is not the only option.

"Many school-leavers and their parents assume that a degree is the only route to a professional career and this just isn't the case," she said. "Vocational qualifications offer an excellent alternative to university and should not be overlooked."

Ms Scott Paul said young people should consider whether vocational courses and apprenticeships are a more rewarding option.

She added: "School-leavers bring a range of skills to the workplace that many employers find extremely valuable."

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Companies are also pushing students to look at the financial benefits of starting a vocation.

"Deciding to take a vocational subject makes economic sense," said Ms Scott Paul. "With the average student debt estimated at £28,000 for a three-year degree course, the financial savings for choosing this route could be high.

"In the case of accountancy, for example, qualifying with the AAT enables you to progress and become a chartered accountant more quickly than someone with a degree."

Hannah Lamb, from Canterbury, chose a vocational subject over university.

She said: "I had never wanted to go to university because I didn't think it could offer the practical skills needed for the workplace.

"The idea of leaving with thousands of pounds of debt also put me off applying."

The 20-year-old, who had always wanted to work in accountancy, found out about AAT and got a job as a payments assistant for Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS, based at Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

She said: "There is no better way to train than on the job, so I was excited to find a vocational qualification that would enable me to gain experience and a professional qualification.

"My fees are paid for by my employer and I study at college one day a week."

She added: "In my opinion, more young people should look at vocational qualifications as an alternative to university.

"In the current climate it's not enough to have a degree, you need skills and experience to get the edge over competitors."

Ex rough sleeper Carlton Loo with Porchlight's Anne Norris

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FORMER homeless and vulnerable people are celebrating after graduating from an employability programme.

The four-month course, run by Kent-wide homelessness charity Porchlight and accredited by the Open College Network, was developed to make the charity's service-users more employable.

Dave Webster, jobs, education and training manager for Porchlight, said the organisation has identified a gap between its service-users' aspirations and what is available for them.

"In today's competitive jobs market simply having volunteering experience is not enough," he said.

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- **Lecturer in Catering**
  (Fixed term until 31/07/11) Variable hours - Dover
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  (Fixed term until 31/07/11) Variable hours - Folkestone
- **Lecturer in Trowel Trades**
  (Fixed term until 31/07/11) Variable hours - Ashford
- **Lecturer in ESOL**
  18.5 hours per week - Folkestone
- **Lecturer in Motor Vehicle**
  37 hours per week - Dover
- **Lecturer in Sports & Sports Massage**
  29.6 hours per week - Folkestone

If you feel any of these roles are the challenge you are looking for please visit our website for full details: www.southkent.ac.uk or contact us for an application pack: 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone); email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk

The closing date for receipt of completed applications for these posts is 12pm, Monday 23rd August 2010.

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area:

Advanced Skills Lecturer in Civil Engineering *Ref: P0333*

Salary: £40,512 per annum
Maidstone

We are looking to recruit an outstanding individual to teach and participate in leading the development of Civil Engineering programmes across the Faculty of Design and Construction. The successful candidate will possess qualities of reliability, have good communication skills and hold a Degree or higher qualification in Civil Engineering or a related specialism. Previous industry experience is essential. The ideal candidate will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

CLOSING DATE: Friday 20 August 2010
INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD THE WEEK COMMENCING 30 AUGUST 2010

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Career opportunities at MidKent College

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Additional Learning Support Tutor/Assessor Ref: P0557

Salary: £24,792 - £28,311 per annum (dependant on qualifications and experience) Medway

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to assist with learning support for students with additional learning support needs. The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate experience in and knowledge of tutoring, assessing and supporting learners with difficulties and disabilities. The successful candidate will hold a recognised assessing certificate.

Lecturer in Hair Ref: P0496

26 hours per week Salary: £25,181 - £27,881 pro rata Fixed Term Maternity Cover Medway

We have an exciting opportunity to recruit a passionate individual to teach, assess and contribute to the development of Hair Design programmes. The applicant must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and should hold, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous. Please note, hourly paid roles are also available. Please indicate when submitting your application which post you are applying for.

Hourly Paid Facilitators Ref: SE896

Salary: £8.96 - £11.26 (dependent on qualifications and experience) Medway/Maidstone

We are looking to recruit sessional facilitators to join our successful Foundation Learning Team, working with students who have learning difficulties/disabilities. The ideal candidates will have experience of working with young people and are able to offer hours to suit the College timetables.

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 25 August 2010

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The salary is at Kent Scheme Band 2 points 4 to 7 which is £4529 to £4949 per year (£6.69 to £7.31 per hour).

Stone Bay School is committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of children and employees are required to have an enhanced CRB disclosure.

If you are interested in applying for this post please phone (01843 863421), e-mail (finance@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk) or write to Mrs Ann Hickmott, Stone Bay School, 70 Stone Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1EB for an application form. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 1st September 2010, and interviews will be held the following week.

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Finance and HR Officer
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Administration, Secretarial, PA

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ccraigie@martintolhurst.co.uk
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Kent
Salary TBA
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RECEPTIONIST
Hythe
Salary TBA
RECEPTIONIST REQUIREDInitially for 6 months only but with a view topossible permanent position after initial period. 20 Hrs per week 3 mornings and 2 evenings - must be flexibleApply in writing with CV to Mrs Jill Blackman,Practice Manager, Sun Lane Surgery, 5 Sun Lane,Hythe, Kent. CT21 5JX or jill.blackman2@nhs.netClosing date Friday 30th July
To apply/more information:
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jill.blackman2@nhs.net
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Project Officer
Sheerness
Salary £27,695 to £34,194
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Early Intervention in Psychosis Team Employment Advisor
Kent
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info.ashford@trailblazertravel.co.uk
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Salary c£17,500 + excellent benefits
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Domestic Trades

Lecturer in Electrical Installation
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To apply/more information:
Mid Kent College
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Quoting Job Ref: P0357

Direct Sales Consultant
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Teacher of English
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To apply/more information: Westlands School (The) headteacher@ westlands.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Chaplain
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ICT Manager
Chatham
Salary TBA
To apply/more information: Bishop of Rochester Academy Stuns001@medway.org.uk
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Activity Leader Apprenticeship
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Head of Division for Technology
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Salary £41,974 - £48,128
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Programme Area Manager - Foundation Vocational
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Cross Curriculum Manager - 14 to 19
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Salary £33,917 - £38,358
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Quoting Job Ref: JFK1687

Project Manager
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Salary TBA
To apply/more information: North Deal Community Company chair@ northdealcommunity.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

PUBLIC NOTICE

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/02398/FUL **Former Gas Works St Davids Bridge, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Variation of conditions 16 and 17 of TW/10/00522 relating to landscaping: Environmental improvement works (remediation) to land (LB) (CA)

10/02474/FUL **Shepherds High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Conversion of existing coach house to ancillary annexe accommodation (CA) (LB)

10/02477/LBC **Shepherds High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Conversion of existing coach house to ancillary annexe accommodation (LB)

10/02066/FULMJ **Royal Oak Garage London Road, Goudhurst**
- Erection of new VOSA Testing Station and associated revised site layout including extension to yard area and relocation of security lodge (MAJOR)

10/02369/HOUSE **Pierce Barn Cottage Spray Hill, Lamberhurst**
- Extension of roof to provide a verandah (PROW)

10/02403/LBC **Coggers Hall School Hill, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Repair to roof at the south end of the building involving repairing tiles, flashings and mortal where necessary and repairing one broken roof window (LB)

10/02467/HOUSE **Broad Meadows Free Heath Road, Lamberhurst**
- Free-standing photovoltaic panel system (PROW)

10/02518/FUL **Bayham Lake Estate Bayham Abbey, Lamberhurst**
- Erection of flood retaining embankment (LB)

10/02260/FUL **9 Belgrove Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Erection of balcony to ground floor and rear of dwelling and change window to french doors (CA)

10/02470/FUL **17 Calverley Park Crescent Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Change of use from B1 office to C3 residential (CA) (LB)

10/02397/HOUSE **48 Camden Court Chalket Lane, Pembury**
- Demolish existing detached garage and construct a single-storey ground floor extension (PROW) (CA) (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 14 August 2010

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

CHESTFIELD ROAD, CHESTFIELD & MILLSTROOD ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Chestfield Road, Chestfield and Millstrood Road, Whitstable starting from 16 August 2010 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Chestfield Road, Chestfield will be closed from 16 August 2010 for a period of up to 5 days

The road will be closed in rolling sections between A2990 Thanet Way Roundabout to the junction with South Street at Radfall Corner, as signed on site.

The alternative route is via A2990 Thanet Way, Millstrood Road and South Street.

The various side roads leading from Chestfield Road will be closed at their junctions with Chestfield Road, as the works progress. These will be signposted on site, with local diversions set up.

Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so.

Millstrood Road, Whitstable will be closed from 22 August 2010 for up to 4 days.

The road will be closed in rolling sections between the A2290 Thanet Way and Belmont Road, as signed on site.

The alternative route is via A2990 Thanet Way, Church Street, Church Road, The Bridge Approach and Old Bridge Road.

The side roads leading from Millstrood Road will be closed at their junctions with Millstrood Road as signposted on site, with local diversions set up.

Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so.

BUSHEYFIELDS ROAD, HERNE AND BROOMFIELD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of water mains renewal, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Busheyfields Road, Herne, on or after 31 August 2010 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with Canterbury Road and Ridgeway Road.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road and Curtis Wood Road.

STURRY LEVEL CROSSING, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of track maintenance and repairs, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Mill Road, Sturry at Sturry Level Crossing, on or after 5 September 2010 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

It is planned that the road will be closed from 2.00 am on Sunday 5 September through to 3.30 am on Monday 6 September 2010.

Mill Road, Sturry will be closed for a distance of 10 metres either side of the level crossing. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with High Street and Island Road.

The alternative route is:

For light vehicles and buses via Sturry Hill, Herne Bay Road, Sweechgate, Shalloak Road, Broad Oak Road, Vauxhall Road, Sturry Road and Mill Road.

For vehicles over 7.5 Tonnes via A291 Canterbury Road, A299 Thanet Way, A290 Pean Hill & Whitstable Road, London Road, A2050 Rheims Way and A28 Ring Road.

Pedestrians will be escorted across the closure, but there might be some delays.

This Order remains in force for up to 18 months and can be re-implemented if required, for works of a similar nature.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

ST CLEMENTS WAY, SWANSCOMBE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on St Clements Way, Swanscombe from its junction with the roundabout at the top of the A2 off-slip to the junction with A226 London Road. (Road will only be closed in one direction at a time.)

The Order will become effective on 16th August 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 weeks between 00.00 – 06.00hours. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Northbound closure – B255 Bean Road, A296 Watling Street, B2500 Watling Street, A226 The Bent / London Road.

Southbound closure – A226 London Road / The Brent, B2500Watling Street, A296 Watling Street, B255 Bean Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate all road markings to be refreshed and install new reflective road studs along the edge and centre of carriageway.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

LONDON ROAD & ST RADIGUND'S ROAD, DOVER (RESTRICTIONS ON TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of the gas mains replacement works in Coombe Valley Road and the use of St Radigund's Road as a diversion, the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic on London Road & St Radigund's Road, Dover as shown below.

This is with effect from 16 August 2010 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The effect of this Order is as follows:

To prohibit waiting on London Road, Dover from the junction with St Radigund's Road northwards for a distance of approximately 25 metres

St Radigund's Road will become two-way between the junctions of Magdala Road and Lister Close

The east bound use of this section of road will be limited to buses on stage carriage services

The section of St Radigund's Road between Lister Close and London Road will remain two-way to allow access to and from Lister Close.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

LONDON ROAD, NORTHFLEET (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use of vehicular traffic on London Road, Northfleet between its junctions with Rural Vale and Burnaby Road.

The Order will become effective on 16th August 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 22nd August 2010 and last 1 night between 20.00 – 05.00hours. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: London Road, Thames Way, High Street, The Hill and London Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate high friction surfacing.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

BOUGHTON LANE & CRIPPLE STREET, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Boughton Lane from the junction with A229 Loose Road for approximately 70m on or after Saturday 21st August 2010 for 2 nights and Cripple Street from the junction with A229 Loose Road for approximately 60m on or after Saturday 28th August 2010 for 2 nights or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for Boughton Lane is A229 Loose Road, A229 Linton Road, Linton Crossroads, B2163 Heath Road Linton, Church Street Boughton Monchelsea, Beresford Hill, Bottlescrew Hill, Boughton Lane and vice versa. The alternative route for Cripple Street is via A229 Loose Road, Sheals Crescent, Old Tovil Road, Tovil Road, Tovil Hill, Straw Mill Hill, Cave Hill, Hayle Mill Road, Teasaucer Hill, Cripple Street and vice versa.

Walker Construction (UK) Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway resurfacing and road markings. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Andy Pilcher on 01303 851111.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

BRITTAINS LANE, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Brittains Lane, Sevenoaks from Downsview Road to the Middlings.

The Order will become effective on 16th August 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 6 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the restriction above will be via: Brittains Lane, A224 London Road, Tubs Hill, London Road, Tonbridge Road, Oak Lane and Brittains Lane.

The purpose of t he closure is to facilitate Footway improvement and reconstruction of retaining wall.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

KERTON ROAD, LYDD-ON-SEA (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Kerton Road, Lydd-on-Sea on or after 31 August 2010 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Dungeness Road and Coast Drive.

The alternative route is via Dungeness Road, Battery Road and Coast Drive.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

VIKING COASTAL TRAIL, MARGATE (RESTRICTIONS ON CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of landscaping works in connection with the construction of the Turner Contemporary and sea defence works, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting cyclists and pedestrians on Viking Coastal Trail, Margate on or after 16 August 2010 for up to 33 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Viking Coastal Trail will be closed between Droit House and The RNLI Building. The alternative route is via Fort Hill and Fort Promenade.

The existing footway on the north-western side of Fort Hill will temporarily be converted to a shared footpath and cycle track for the duration of these works, and will then revert to a footway.

FAIRFIELD ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of carriageway resurfacing, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting traffic on Fairfield Road, Broadstairs, on or after 20 August 2010 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between A255 Broadstairs Road and the Rumfields Road/Bromstone Road Roundabout.

The alternative route is via Bromstone Road, A255 Ramsgate Road, Gladstone Road, Seafield Road, Osborne Road, A255 The Broadway, St Peter's Road and Broadstairs Road.

QUEENS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of the removal of a tower crane from a building site, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Queens Road, Broadstairs on or after 5 September 2010 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between High Street and Pierremont Avenue.

The alternative route is via High Street, Osbourne Road, Seafield Road, Gladstone Road and Ramsgate Road.

Note that if it is not possible to carry out these works on 5 September due to adverse weather conditions, it will be necessary to defer the works to one of the following 2 Sundays, i.e. 12 September or 19 September 2010.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

PINESFIELD LANE, TROTTISCLIFFE (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pinesfield Lane from the junction of Trosley Court for 150m towards "Larling" on or after Wednesday 1st September 2010 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Church Lane, Taylors Lane, Pilgrims Way.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Keith White on 01233 714082.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Moat, London Road, Wrotham**

Applicant: **Andy Thompson**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration
1st Floor, Invicta House,
Maidstone, ME14 1XX

Kent County Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

We Clocktower Express Ltd of 113, Wrotham Rd, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0QP hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Gravesham Borough Council, (Licensing Team) Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU for grant of a premises licence to permit the following licensable activities;

1. Sale of alcohol by retail

In respect of the premises situated at 140-143, Milton Road, Gravesend, Kent DA12 2RU and to be known by the sign of Best One Express

The application can be viewed at the offices of Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU during normal office hours (website address www.gravesham.gov.uk)

Any person wishing to make representation concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authorityand within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 6th September 2010.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW
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More affordable Fords

By **STEVE LOADER**

FORD has flagged a major change of course by junking its long-running pricing policy.

The UK market leader pruned the retail price list for its larger models back in April, and has now done the same with its small to medium cars, notably the nation's two best sellers: the Fiesta supermini and Focus family hatchback.

Dealers themselves had begun the move for real world pricing anyway by offering significant discounts, but the game was up earlier this year when sectors of the motoring media started telling consumers they should haggle for discounts of up to 40 per cent in some cases.

The story wasn't new though: I road tested a fully-loaded Focus estate a few years ago and was impressed until I noted the list price of £24,000 – 'who will go shopping for a Ford priced at BMW money?' I asked then, though aware that savvy buyers would haggle.

Ford's recent attempts to re-position itself as more of a retail brand rather than a fleet badge had also made the more transparent pricing inevitable.

High list prices were maintained previously to allow the carmaker to tell company and lease fleet managers what bargains they were getting for their bulk buys.

But the world has moved on, and fleet managers scrutinise re-sale values more than purchase prices now, which is why the BMW 3-Series currently sits at ninth in the UK sales top 10, while the Mondeo – once the UK's best-seller – is conspicuous by its absence from motoring's top of the pops.

Fact is used car buyers will pay more for the BMW propellor badge second-hand than they will for Ford's blue oval, even though the latest car is far from being a fleet hack like its predecessor and Sierra and Cortina forebears.

With the brand's fleet presence less secure due to premium badges encroaching at the top end and cut-price Korean opposition nibbling at the bottom, Ford has been forced into raising quality and trim for the retail sector while bringing down retail prices.

In truth, it has developed some good cars and the Focus – though due for replacement soon – Fiesta, Mondeo and Kuga SUV can be bought on merit against cheaper and more expensive opposition.

The superb S-Max sporty MPV (pictured left) has also just scooped yet another award. This time it was the Auto Express Best MPV category at the magazine's awards – for the third successive year.

Auto Express editor-in-chief David Johns said: "With its eye-catching interior, razor-sharp chassis and adaptable seven-seat cabin, the people carrier benefitted from a thorough overhaul this year."

To this strong product line-up and the new pricing, can be added the brand's continuing leadership of the UK market so far this year, but the Focus and Fiesta's top positions are vulnerable to same sector top 10 rivals from Vauxhall (Astra and Corsa respectively) and VW (Golf and Polo).

And Ford can no longer play the 'made in Britain' card as the Transit van is now the only vehicle it makes in the UK, while Toyota, Nissan and Honda continue to build volume through UK production.

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2009	09	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Atlantis blue	9,350	8,995
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Lemon grass	1,350	9,495
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Moroccan blue	1,266	9,495
2009	59	Agila Club CDTi	1.3D	5	Steel silver	3,900	8,995
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Moroccan blue	5,150	9,295
2009	59	Agila Design Auto	1.2	5	Silver	2,355	10,750
2010	59	Agila Design	1.2	5	Lemon grass	2,790	8,995

ANTARA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2007	07	Antara CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Metro blue	20,000	11,995
2008	57	Antara CDTi E Auto	2.0	5	Slate blue	18,100	12,995
2009	59	Antara Exclusive CDTi	2.0D	5	Placid grey	2,020	17,495

ASTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	06	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,495
2007	07	Astra Energy CDTi	1.3D	5	Ultra blue	15,485	7,495
2007	07	Astra Design Auto	1.8	5	Flame red	42,700	7,495
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2007	57	Astra Sxi Sports hatch CDTi	1.7D	3	Star silver	40,675	8,495
2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.6	3	Silver lightening	24,300	8,995
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2008	58	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Silver lightening	10,700	8,495
2009	58	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Panacotta	12,625	9,495
2009	09	Astra Club	1.4	5	Silver lightening	18,218	7,995
2009	09	Astra Sri CDTi X Pack	1.9D	5	Star silver	9,710	13,995
2009	09	Astra Active	1.4	5	Black sapphire	9,650	9,495
2009	09	Astra Breeze Plus CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	14,100	9,995
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2009	59	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Green spirit	6,250	9,995
2009	59	New Astra Sri	1.6	5	Power red	5,340	14,495

CORSA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	56	Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	5	Flame red	38,450	6,995
2007	07	Corsa Club	1.2	5	Flame red	27,810	6,495
2007	57	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Flame red	49,370	6,995
2008	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3	3	Black sapphire	11,440	7,995
2008	08	Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3	3	Star silver	24,590	8,250
2009	09	Corsa Active	1.0	5	Star silver	6,270	8,475
2009	09	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	5	Metro blue	19,970	7,995
2009	59	Corsa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Black sapphire	4,600	9,495
2009	59	Corsa Life CDTi	1.3D	5	Star silver	9,950	8,995
2009	59	Corsa Active CDTi	1.3D	5	Silver lightening	4,300	9,995
2009	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	3	Silver lightening	800	10,495
2009	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.4	5	Silver lightening	4,450	9,995
2009	59	Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Black sapphire	6,350	9,395
2009	59	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Star silver	7,180	9,395

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2009	09	Insignia Tourer Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	9,300	13,995
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2009	59	Insignia CDTi ECO Exclusive	2.0	5	Silver lake	7,350	15,995

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	06	Meriva Active E/T	1.6	5	Metro blue	33,225	5,995

VECTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	56	Vectra Design	1.8	5	Metro blue	33,180	7,195
2007	57	Vectra Sri CDTi	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	58,650	7,995
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2008	58	Vectra Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	15,390	8,495

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2008	58	Zafira Exclusive	1.6	5	Star silver	13,700	8,995
2009	59	Zafira Design CDTi	1.9	5	Panacotta	2,200	16,995
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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2002	02*	Corsa SE	1.0	3	Flamer red	48,000	2,995
2007	57	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	3	Star silver	9,290	6,995
2008	08*	Corsa Breeze Plus	1.3	3	Silver lightening	60,000	6,995
2005	05*	Astra Breeze	`1.6	5	Grey	44,500	5,495
2008	58	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Black sapphire	11,000	9,495
2010	59	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue		17,995
2005	05*	Meriva Breeze	1.4	5	Star silver	42,000	4,995
2001	51*	Vectra Sxi	1.8	4	Black	71,000	2,495
2006	56	Zafira Active	1.6	5	Metro blue	48,000	6,995
2008	08	Zafira Breeze +	1.9	5	Star silver	23,000	9,995

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
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2009	59	Vivaro SWB CDTi	2.0D	5	White	Del	11,295 +VAT
2009	59	Vivaro SWB CDTi	2.0D	5	White	17,900	10,695 +VAT
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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader

Warranty battles are ready to rage

TWO weeks ago we asked whether the motor market was about to erupt into a warranty war after Toyota broke ranks and junked the normal three-year/60,000 mile 'ticket'.

The Japanese and world number one was seeking to reassure consumers after a string of uncharacteristic recalls and also respond to the provocative decision by Korea's Kia to extend a seven year/100,000-mile package to all its cars – a deal previously available only on two models in the line-up.

It also countered a well-established five-year/unlimited warranty on Hyundais and, more recently, Chevrolet's decision to go for a five-year warranty and free servicing package.

If our prediction of warranty meltdown looked over-dramatic though, Vauxhall has now waded in with a shock 'lifetime warranty' on its cars, including the popular UK-built Astra.

To be precise, it applies to the first owner of the car and initial 100,000 miles, though Vauxhall plans to allow second owners to purchase the warranty.

Whatever the small print, it really throws down the gauntlet to industry reactionaries who still hold the three-year/60,000 line and particularly major players hogging the UK top ten – you know who you are Ford, VW and Renault.

Expect more announcements soon.

WARNING: Our previous story

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Yeti scales peak

SKODA'S Yeti crossover/SUV was named Car of the Year at the prestigious Auto Express magazine awards.

The top prize was one of five earned by the Czech manufacturer, with magazine editor David Johns praising the Yeti's versatility as both possible off-roader and compact MPV, without demanding "the dynamic or financial compromises usually associated with either".

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What you lose though is the elegance and French chic this spin-off should inherit by right from its hatchback sister.

To be fair, the 'supermini estate' is one of the toughest styling briefs in the industry; superminis are pretty space-efficient anyway so you must add bulk to make an estate alternative worthwhile – ugliness tends to be an unfortunate side effect.

Skoda has boobed twice with successive Fabia load carriers, though Seat's new Ibiza ST sporting estate could be the real deal.

The Clio load lugger does not quite hit the mark though, and it's made all the worse by trying to dress it up with alloy roof rails and marketing hype like 'Sport Tourer' when it looks anything but.

However, you can't knock its practicality; a low 58cm rear sill height eases loading heavy or bulky items, rear seats can be folded flat without having to remove the headrests and there is a compartment to stow the rear parcel cover when not in use.

Prices start from £12,575, but our car was the flagship £16,085 Dynamique 86bhp 1.5-litre diesel with inbuilt TomTom sat nav system and generous spec, but starting to look expensive at this sort of money.

I'm a big fan of Renault's willing diesels, but the extra cabin space of the Sport Tourer allows a lot of booming intrusion from both the engine and the road. And while cabin trimming is quite smart in places, a luxurious leather-clad wheel and alloy highlights cannot disguise the fact that the materials were sourced for the more humble Clio models.

As usual, I also found Renault's sound system needlessly complicated.

The standard Clio driving dynamics are good though with a good balance of handling and comfort, though the car's styling does not quite have the 'mini-lifestyle estate' image that Renault wants that Sport Tourer label to suggest.

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DrivingReview

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Rugged Freelander 2 stars on and off-road

Land Rover Freelander 2

LAND Rover's Freelander 2 suffered tough love from me after its launch in 2006, but I softened in the end.

Not that the UK 4x4 icon's robust looking junior model really needs an easy ride, but my offish manner was more down to the failings of the Mark 1 Freelander.

That car's adherence – literally – to Land Rover's off-roading heritage was impressive, but I could not love a car styled to shout 'ruggedness and dependability' when it wimped out so often through flaky build and poor reliability.

I can remember the sainted Jeremy Clarkson reviewing the car at launch and questioning whether it would be reliable; the then LR marketing chief said he was so confident that it would stay the course that JC could come round and burn his house down if it failed – the bloke must be living in a cardboard box under the arches now, because Top Gear's enfant terrible closed the report by waving a box of matches at the camera.

However, while still not as bulletproof as LR's branding suggests, the bigger Freelander 2 has shown it really can 'walk the talk' as a quality runabout, building site/rural workhorse and ideal 4x4 for outward bound and alpine holidays.

It is dearer than most compact 4x4s, but you get genuine off-road power – rivals are usually little more than 'soft-roaders', more politely labelled SUVs (sports utility vehicles).

Unlike bigger Land Rovers, the Freelander does not have low ratios, but the low-down power of the mainstay 158bhp 2.2-litre turbodiesel – replaced by a revised 148bhp or 188bhp unit from September – and several driving aids plus the Hill Descent Control feature introduced on the original Freelander, is enough to boost and control the car up and down steep slopes by cleverly assigning traction individually to the four wheels as required.

I have proved the point before at the Land Rover Experience Centre at Eastwell Park, near Ashford, crashing up and down steep slopes slippery with damp chalk and littered with flinty boulders – see our Motors TV film at www.carsforkent.co.uk.

The car also romped through the 'elephant's footprints', craters and hillocks that show how Land Rovers can balance diagonally on just two wheels without being halted or twisted by the terrain. Unlike its predecessor, there was no creaking from dodgy interior fittings.

Of course, most 4x4 buyers never pose such a stern test, even if that is like buying a pair of wellies and wearing them as slippers, but it proves the Freelander's prowess in any conditions, including snow and ice.

And it is not as if the car's superb off-road ability compromises its on-road qualities: it handles tidily and comfortably with little body roll on the bends. Steering feedback is good too – you need it off-road. Though larger than the old car, it also feels nimbler.

The diesel's off-road clout works equally well on-road and there has been a greener option too for the past year, in the form of our 'e' version test car with standard-fit Stop/Start system that cuts the engine automatically when the car is stationary at the lights or in similar situations. It reduces the emissions by eight per cent and average economy is well over 40mpg – the new version should be even greener.

The Freelander interior is comfortable and finished to a high standard, though rugged rather than stylish, with most controls falling to hand well and there is plenty of stowage.

Comfort levels are good front and back with a good high-up view from the cabin and decent space for luggage behind.

And while our test car might look pricey at more than £30,000, diesel prices start at under £22,000 – very tempting for all that off-road ability plus Land Rover cachet.

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LAND ROVER FREELANDER 2 TD4E £33,425

Driving appeal (OUT OF FIVE)	★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★
Value	★★★
Running costs	★★★
Reliability	★★★★
How green?	★★★
Road tax	£200/year (£300 in year one)
Best rival	VW Tiguan Escape

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE: the price unless you want real 4x4 ability and/or the Land Rover image

NOT SURE: it is yet as bulletproof as the LR branding and image would like to suggest

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MONDEO, 2.0 Titanium X TDCi, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights half leather trim heated seats immobiliser metallic paint multi cd player multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation sports seats tinted glass traction control trip computer front parking sensors multi functional tunepoint (i-pod and mp3 connection) quickclear windscreen remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, panther black, 8671 miles, £17500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

S-MAX, TDCi Zetec (5), 2009, non standard colour, 5270 miles, £19000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

S-MAX, TDCi Titanium (140), 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation, black, 8409 miles, £23000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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207, 110 GT DIESEL 3DR, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint, blue met, 28000 miles, £7000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

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WE'VE big news of our own this week with the official unveiling of the Business Week Live show on November 10. But much attention will also be focused on this week's Big Interview with the MD of Ashford's Future, Judith Armitt, who fears losing at least 20 per cent from her spending on revitalisation and expansion of the town. Can it still become the new growth hub of the county and most important link in Kent's prestigious high-speed rail network? See what she has to say.

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Investment on agenda again after tough year

COMPANIES in Kent and the South East are talking about investment again – but the tone is cautious, ***writes Business Editor Steve Loader.***

More than half (52 per cent) say they are going to plough at least six per cent of turnover back into their business over the coming year, according to new research by Clydesdale Bank.

The primary spending would be on recruiting staff, new equipment and premises. Some firms are even more upbeat: 28 per cent plan to put back more than 10 per cent into their business, though the South East is shown to be less confident than London and the North West.

There are also clear signs of prudence. The survey found half of businesses had delayed either salary increases (51 per cent) or recruitment (50) in the past year because of the economic climate.

The areas most companies in the region believe will drive commercial growth include expansion of operations (42 per cent), followed by more staff (31) and new equipment and machinery (27).

The most confident business sectors are human resources, financial and retail, catering and leisure.

But Clydesdale regional director Will Lindsay said evidence of long-term confidence was still sketchy. "It is clear businesses are telling us their investment and capital expenditure plans remain uncertain over the next 12 months," he said.

WILL LINDSAY

"The decision of when and how much cash to invest back into a business is very important. These results indicate the majority of businesses are planning a relatively conservative spend in the next 12 months. However, with growing confidence in 52 per cent of businesses, the time may well be right for them to invest for growth and pursue quality growth opportunities – from bringing new products to market to pursuing potentially lucrative contracts."

Perceived financial risk in the current climate was cited by 40 per cent of South East companies as the main reason for delaying investment in the past year, while 38 per cent deemed lack of cashflow and preserving capital as necessary reasons.

Clydesdale's own industry came in for some criticism, with 14 per cent of businesses saying a more flexible approach by their bank would allow them to take advantage of growth opportunities in the next 12 months.

Clydesdale says it has responded though by launching a new business support initiative – Investing for Growth – to help businesses grow by easing their cashflow pressures.

The package includes loan repayment holidays, interest-only repayments as well as extended loan and credit facilities.

Mr Lindsay said: "We believe there is a growing demand to give businesses the flexibility and confidence to grow, while still easing cashflow pressures and debt commitments."

Inspirational knight to remember

TWO entrepreneurs have spoken of an inspirational encounter with Faversham-based rock star and Live Aid mastermind Sir Bob Geldof.

The former Boomtown Rats frontman turned businessman and anti-poverty campaigner was a key speaker at a London business event attended by 800 people, including Chris Meaden and Linzi Cooper, directors of IT firm Essential Business Technologies of Tunbridge Wells and London.

Chris said: "The build-up to Sir Bob's speech was focused on his life-transforming actions for the starving in Africa, showing archive TV footage including the Live Aid event, which I remember as clearly now as I did 25 years ago.

"His presence on stage was something I've never seen before. His speech was intense, passionate and hugely inspiring on so many levels. It was the most extraordinary speech I've ever heard.

STAGE PRESENCE: Sir Bob Geldof flanked by Chris Meaden and Linzi Cooper

"He spoke from the heart about his difficult childhood and of his music ambitions and his immense anger and frustration of the famine in Ethiopia which drove him to take action and do something about it. He is remarkable."

Linzi echoed that view and spoke in praise of the value of such events to business confidence. Other inspirational speakers included football's first lady, Karren Brady, and the infamous yet entertaining Gerald Ratner, who now runs a successful online jewellery company, but famously brought down his eponymous High Street chain after calling its products "crap".

Linzi said: "What we are going through in this economy is unprecedented. By investing in attending this event, we took away the strength, the belief and the determination to succeed as entrepreneurs regardless of what economic conditions we are in. As Karren Brady said, 'We need to champion our own careers'."

For Business Week's own big event go to www.businessweeklive.co.uk.

We're part of a leading local economy

NEW research shows Kent is part of one of the UK's leading 'local economies' – demonstrating high employment rates and productivity – but it can't afford to rest on its laurels

The report, Ambition 2020: World Class Skills and Jobs for the UK, highlights the role of local businesses in maintaining competitiveness and the South East lies second out of 12 in a national productivity league table. It also has a higher than average employment rate – 76.7 per cent against the UK average of 72.7 – and is number one in the Regional UK Competitiveness Index.

However, Ambition 2020 also warns that the UK risks a slide in international productivity rankings unless its skills and employment systems are fundamentally improved.

Trish Fraser, speaking on behalf of Investors in People and following up on the report, said: "In the current economic climate, it's more important than ever that businesses are able to get the best out of their people.

"This means challenging and inspiring managers and employees to achieve their potential.

"Employers have to be ambitious and act now to develop the skills they'll need in future. This will improve productivity and performance, benefiting them, their employees, and the country."

Comment

RATHER like the Total Football label applied to the way the Dutch used to play, I think we've come up with a Total Business approach.

Since KOS Media fielded the new-look Business Week section in April, our business coverage has pushed forward in print and online with increasing pace. And this week we unveiled our new striker – Business Week Live (see opposite) – to give us an unrivalled breadth of business coverage across Kent.

The announcement couldn't be better timed, as county firms face up to fresh concerns, challenges and doubts.

It will be a genuine opportunity for businesses to do business with another, team up together and pool ideas as well as get help, from quick fixes to long-term strategies. There is also a lot of confidence to be drawn from sharing thoughts, stories and experiences with others in the same boat.

And we will be fielding real experts on the advice front, ranging from people working at the coal face to those in academia – see Kent Business School marketing manager Sam Blanchard's 'My Business Week' diary later in this section.

You could just turn up and have someone pinpoint the very thing to restart your business and your enthusiasm – sometimes the day-to-day cares of management make it hard to see what needs to be done strategically.

This approach chimes with a major objective in all our business coverage: to gather and pass on useful tips and advice rather than simply cover the news.

And we need those tips, don't we? Certainly after hearing this week that the Bank of England had fluffed its economic forecasting and things are gloomier than we thought.

And we also heard via the Daily Telegraph that Bank governor Mervyn King – surely now 'Merv the Swerve' in tabloid parlance after the forecasting backtrack – reports his shock at learning that his international counterparts are all saying that their countries intend to revitalise their economies by exporting.

If selling is the panacea, who will be buying to balance the international budget? It certainly won't be China which, with its own economic slowdown imminent, will soon be plugging its own 'export or die' message. Oh dear.

STEVE LOADER, BUSINESS EDITOR

Healthy start-up trend

BANKING giant NatWest has contradicted criticism of the banking sector's attitudes to nurturing small business by announcing a healthy trend in backing start-ups.

It reports a 12 per cent growth in delivering helping hands to new firms in Kent and the South East over the past year, which have also gained from initiatives such as two years' free banking. The group has opened 21,400 new business start-up accounts across the region and claims to be approving 85 per cent of all business loan applications. This support has now been enhanced by a free hotline service.

The growth sectors for start-ups nationally are leisure (+37 per cent), IT (+33) and education (+32), though the South East shows strong regional growth in professional services and construction (+25 per cent and +13 respectively). Business Week reported recently on one happy start-up customer, Shaun Kendrick, founder/owner of The Devine Wine Company in Headcorn. Formerly a manager with Threshers, NatWest helped him fulfil a dream to set up and run his own outlet. The banking group's regional director Pete Newman said: "These figures tell us confidence is there and entrepreneurs are seizing opportunities despite tough conditions. It's important we build on this momentum and give more businesses the best possible start."

CHEERS: NatWest's Caroline Beeson helped open the door to Shaun Kendrick's dream

A haven of calm with the Eden Alternative

By **STEVE LOADER**
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AVANTE Care and Support – one of the South East's largest social care providers – has taken possession of an £8 million state-of-the-art residential care home in Medway.

Amherst Court, Chatham, was built by Denne Construction for the Avante Partnership and will be home to 112 residents with dementia.

Named in recognition of nearby historic Fort Amherst, Amherst Court was designed with the Eden Alternative in mind: a new philosophy that aims to tackle loneliness, helplessness and boredom in older people.

It emphasises spontaneity, companionship and variety and is being rolled out across Avante Care and Support's 19 homes in Kent and south-east London. Avante chief executive Cedric Frederick said: "We are extremely proud of this new building and what it will represent for our customers.

"Amherst Court will offer the highest quality of care for older people living with dementia in surroundings where residents can enjoy a safe and stimulating lifestyle."

Built in just 18 months, the home's en-suite bedrooms are divided into six suites, each containing a lounge area and dining room to create a more intimate and homely feel.

There are also music and games rooms. Denne contracts manager Paul Newstead said: "The scheme has been a resounding success and it has been a pleasure to work in partnership with Avante throughout the course of the development."

Medway Council owns the site at Palmerston Road, previously occupied by the Churchlands residential care home, and has granted a long lease to Avante Partnership.

Cllr Tom Mason, Medway's portfolio holder for adult services, said: "The council had identified the need for extra dementia care and through partnership with Avante Care and Support we have been able to provide this in a modern setting."

OPEN HOUSE: Cedric Frederick (left) of Avante Partnership and Paul Newstead of Denne Construction at Amherst Court

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Conveyor belt of success

NOMINATIONS for the UK finals of the business world's equivalent of the Oscars include the MD of one of Kent's top manufacturers.

Paul Winter, pictured right, of Wire Belt in Sittingbourne is a finalist in the Global Director of the Year category of the 2010 Institute of Directors' Director of the Year awards. He joins 43 directors from across the UK in contesting nine awards. Wire Belt makes wire conveyor belting and conveyors, predominantly for the food processing sector. Mr Winter, who lives in Faversham, has been with the company more than 30 years. The IoD awards recognise excellence and leadership in UK business and Mr Winter has already won at the IoD's 2010 London and the South East Director of the Year awards, where he landed International Director of the Year for businesses with a turnover of up to £4.99m.

The event also caused him to join the IoD. "Several opportunities for networking arose during the evening, resulting in beneficial contacts," he said. "Meeting members made me realise I had overlooked many of the benefits of IoD membership and the decision to join was an easy one to make."

The winners will be announced on October 1 in London.

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ENGLISH wine celebrated unprecedented success at the recent Decanter World Wine Awards, with Kent flying the flag for our region. The awards attracted more entries from producers across the globe than ever, yet five local wineries scooped 12 awards between them.

Chapel Down in Tenterden stole the show, winning six of those, including a silver medal for its Pinot Reserve 2004, two bronze medals and three commended.

Meopham Valley also featured with a bronze for its Sparkling 2004 and a commended for Sparkling Rosé 2005.

Another sparkling rosé producer, Hush Heath of Cranbrook, was commended for its exclusive Balfour Brut Rosé 2006.

Biddenden's Ortega Gribble Bridge 2009 was awarded bronze, while Ashford neighbour Gusbourne Estate matched this with its Blanc de Blancs 2006 and the region's second silver, for Classic Cuvée Brut 2006.

Guy Tresnan from Chapel Down said: "It shows that all the investment in machinery, grapes and most of all the team, is continuing to produce great results in our world class wines."

DUTCH company Anssems is to build three new industrial units at Dover's White Cliffs Business Park, creating up to 40 jobs. Anssems, which builds lorry trailers, said it looked at several regions but decided on the South East due to proximity to the Continent and then favoured Dover for its port, the Channel Tunnel and motorway connections.

Cllr Frederick Scales, Dover District Council cabinet member for economy and special projects, said: "This is great news for the area, represents an important milestone in phase two of the business park, and reflects much hard work by our planning officers.

"We very much welcome this investment and the confidence it shows in our area, complementing the regeneration initiatives taking place across the district."

DEPRESSED trading on the High Street appears to be passing many specialist shopping centres by, with classic British clothing brand Aquascutum opening a new shop in Kent this month. Natasha Phair, marketing manager at the Ashford Designer Outlet, said: "Aquascutum is synonymous with British style and understated elegance and we feel it complements our designer fashion offering perfectly. We also have other new stores in the pipeline as part of our ongoing improvement of the centre." Ashford Designer Outlet has more than 80 designer and High Street brands.

PROFITS are up at Davies Group, which includes Ashford-based building repair management company Eastwell.

After tax, they rose from £1.7 million in 2009 to £2.8m on a turnover of over £30m for the year up to March 31.

Eastwell MD Martin Bishop said: "This last year has been really good for us. We have doubled the size of our office and increased the staff head count by more than double, all coming from the local area.

"The second half of this year is destined to see us grow even more. Our staff make such a huge difference to our business and the extraordinarily high satisfaction rates we receive stands as proof.

"Times such as this therefore provide a perfect opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their efforts. We have plugged a gap in the local insurance industry offering employment and an alternative to having to commute into London."

Our new annual show goes Live this autumn

BUSINESS Week has announced the launch of a new annual business show to complement its much-expanded media portfolio.

The inaugural Business Week Live event will take place on Wednesday, November 10, at the Detling Showground, near Maidstone.

Running from 9am until 4pm, and with free parking and free visitors' entry, it will be a platform for all organisations to promote their products and services, deliver key messages and achieve region-wide communication of how they can benefit other businesses.

As the show's title implies, it is supported by the recently launched Business Week, a bright new section within the award-winning KOS Media group's series of weekend newspapers: Kent on Sunday and Kent on Saturday and new sister titles Tunbridge Wells on Saturday and Tunbridge Wells on Sunday.

It also dovetails with a business e-bulletin sent every Tuesday and Business Week e-edition sent every Friday to subscribers via Business Week's online presence www.businessforkent.co.uk and social media groups.

Other key supporters are Business Week's key partners: Business Computer Solutions, Belmont International insurance brokers, Kent Business School, ActionCoach business coaching, NatWest and Warners Solicitors.

A Warners' spokesman said: "Warners is always happy to do what we can to make business in our region better. We hope everyone involved will benefit from exhibiting and visiting."

And Business Week Live is also supported by the influential FSB, Kent Invicta, Thames Gateway and Channel chambers of commerce, and BusinessLink South East.

Business Week marketing manager Richard Purvis said: "The economy has had a tough time lately and though Kent business has shown a lot of resilience and ingenuity, it still needs all the help it can get.

"That's why we decided to launch a multi-channel portfolio for the business community in Kent and why we have extended this even further to a live b2b event. Being in the latter half of the year it will complement the established Kent 2020 event and provide a second bite of the apple for many businesses. We decided on Detling as the venue because we know many organisations are familiar with it and it provides the space and facilities they like, together with excellent access for visitors. It will be an excellent showcase, brilliant for networking and nicely timed for looking ahead into a new calendar and business year."

ONLINE PORTAL: Check out the web page at at www.businessweeklive.co.uk

And he also promised some clever tweaks on established business show formulas, including 11 dedicated industry zones:

- Commercial Property, Facilities & Interiors, Utilities, Security;
- Construction, Refurbishment, Eco and Green;
- Education, Training, Careers, Recruitment, HR, Healthcare;
- Franchise, Start-up, Business Services;
- IT, Communications;
- Legal, Finance, Banking;
- Manufacturing & Engineering;
- Media, PR, Design, Marketing;
- Public Sector/Non-profit;
- Transport, Logistics, Distribution, Commercial Vehicles;
- Travel, Tourism, Corporate Hospitality.

Running alongside the exhibition will be targeted seminars covering key issues within many of the sectors represented. And there will also be the chance to gain working advice from industry experts and academics. Stands are priced at just £100 per square metre and the show will be promoted extensively throughout all Business Week products and KOS Media titles and websites, including a dedicated site at www.businessweeklive.co.uk.

• ***For KOS Media business editor Steve Loader's view of the show, see Comment on the opposite page.***

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'My Business Week …'

by Sam Blanchard, marketing manager, Kent Business School, Canterbury

MONDAY – In 'planning mode' for 21st birthday celebrations at Kent Business School – they seem very close now. First event is on December 1 and staged jointly with the Bank of England – the Bank's Chief Economist Spencer Dale is coming to speak and have a Q&A with the guests.

It's a sit down dinner for 150 guests; so much to organise and think about and we follow this up with a series of evening events aimed at helping local businesses with current issues.

TUESDAY – Early start on the Eurostar. Our MBA (Master of Business Administration) is being updated to include a European pathway to be held in Brussels.

Having tried to do business with the EU earlier in my career, I know how complicated and difficult it is, so this pathway should be a great start for local and international business people. Thanks to Eurostar, I have time in Brussels for meetings on the Kent University campus there and can be back in time to cook the children's tea – isn't living in Kent wonderful?

WEDNESDAY – Business School launches a new programme in January aimed at owner-managers of local businesses, so we are brainstorming the programme principles.

Great idea, we think, because participants will have an opportunity to work with business school experts to grow and improve their businesses. Programme balances the need for immediate solutions and quick wins while also forming and implementing a long-term plan.

Towards the end the academics, practitioners and participants become executive directors and form a board to assess each strategic action plan. This will lead to new ideas and solutions and, experience shows, to bonds that turn into long lasting relationships continuing after the programme has finished – brilliant.

THURSDAY – Meetings with local businesses and MBA applicants to promote the part-time MBA. As I did the MBA on a part-time basis in my last job as well as juggling a young family and, during the first week of the course finding out I was pregnant, I am well placed to talk about doing a Masters in Business and how to manage work, study and family life. I believe the MBA has enriched my life professionally and personally and I'm more than happy to talk about my experiences.

FRIDAY – Drawing up plans for our attendance at KOS Media's Business Week Live event in November and I have a great idea to pitch to business editor Steve Loader and his team: to have specialised clinics where local business people can book a half hour session with a panel comprising our MBA students, alumni and academics, who can give immediate advice, solutions and inspirational ideas.

Eyes on the prize as Judith ushers in bright future

ASHFORD "has the potential to be the powerhouse of Kent" according to the town's design champion, Sir Terry Farrell. But while much has been achieved, there is still lots to do and money is now almost too tight to mention for JUDITH ARMITT, MD of Ashford's Future – the body charged with working wonders for the once sleepy market town. Then again, if anyone can make the figures work during a nationwide crackdown on public spending then it has to be this former council treasurer and trained accountant.
Business editor Steve Loader asked her about the prospects now for one of Kent's premier projects.

JUDITH ARMITT

KOS media BUSINESS WEEK THE BIG INTERVIEW

FOR a woman known for vision and leadership, it's surprising to learn that Judith Armitt left Oxford University with no idea of a career path.

"All I knew was that I wanted to make a difference to the life of communities," she said. Well, she's doing just that now as MD of Ashford's Future – a partnership of 10 public and private sector bodies – where she has recently overseen the awarding of £35 million of contracts.

From her office high up in Charter House – one of the town's tallest buildings – she has been able to watch the big changes her organisation is making and will continue to make when it moves to nearby International House later this month.

And it's clear that Ashford's Future is satisfying that early wish to make a difference: "I have been keen that people can see it. It's exciting that within a few months we can walk down new roads and see a new library. It's very important to me, that tangible delivery. There's more to life than having a particular position in a particular organisation."

JUDITH ARMITT'S CV

- 1975 – various roles with GLC
- 1985 – assistant treasurer with Borough of Lewisham, soon becoming treasurer and later director of finance and support services
- 1997 – first chief executive of new Medway Council
- 2006 – chief executive at Thames Gateway
- 2007 – MD of Ashford's Future

She hasn't done badly there, though. Apart from what appears to have been a frustrating time at the former Greater London Council under both Conservative control and then that of Ken Livingstone's Labour group, she has held key positions in local government. Born in Manchester and raised in the Midlands, she graduated in philosophy, politics and economics and trained in accountancy. She joined the GLC and recalled: "There was never a dull moment – there was always an argument going on and grand plans being drawn up. The downside was working for an organisation that was always being severely criticised. It can be very wearing on morale."

She left in 1985 to join the Borough of Lewisham as assistant treasurer and was promoted to treasurer within a year. At just 33, she was one of the youngest people in the country to hold such a post and almost certainly the first woman to succeed at that age.

Her duties expanded too when she was made director of finance and support services – and also started a family:

"I had six months off after both pregnancies. At that time it was quite pioneering stuff for someone at that level

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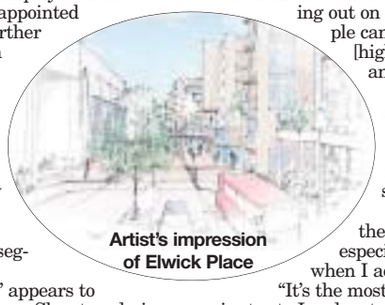
of seniority to have children and then come back to work. You have to be absolutely rigorous about a work/life balance. So I went from a regime where I would often be working in the evenings to one where I left at 5pm whatever happened, except for emergencies."

Judith then had the chance to fashion an organisation from scratch by becoming the first employee of the all-new Medway Council. She was appointed chief executive and had to add a further 7,000 people to the payroll in seven months so the new authority could go 'live' on April 1, 1998. Despite her continuing drive to make a difference, she admitted that her first task was to ensure smooth transition: "I realised that success would be if people didn't notice any difference, even though we were amalgamating the Rochester and Gillingham councils and cutting a segment from Kent County Council."



Artist's impression of Elwick Place

After that, the new 'super council' appears to have delivered all the right challenges. She stayed nine years before being attracted to the development sector, operating between local and central government.

Her first step was as chief executive of the Thames Gateway, ending after less than year when she resigned after a much publicised falling out with the government.

She then took over as MD at Ashford where a development body had been in place since 2003, but was being reorganised along company lines. "It was what attracted me to this role. We get a degree of autonomy from our partners while working closely with them," Judith said.

She has a small team of 12 working with her, though she can call on expertise from primary partners Kent County Council, Ashford Borough Council, the South East England Development Agency and the Government's Home and Communities Agency, which holds the purse strings. But how much harder will it be to loosen those purse strings now as the new coalition looks to stabilise the UK's finances?

"It's a bit of a cliché, but it's very much business as usual," she said. "We have reached a stage of progress and commitment where we can go forward even in uncertain times. It's been suggested we should assume we will get a 20 per cent cut, which means we will get 80 per cent of what is currently a £54m programme and that will still allow substantial progress."

She admitted some smaller projects have already had to be pruned, such as the town's new cycle way scheme, though she has not written this out of the grand plan.

But she betrays some concern for SmartLink, Ashford's bid for a rapid bus service: "It ought to be Ashford's trademark in 10 years. It will be smart, clean, attractive to be on, frequent, and free from delays."

But SmartLink – similar to the rapid bus service already operating in Thameside – has yet to get the green light. Though £30m was allocated by the outgoing government, SmartLink is back in the mix ahead of the coalition Government's spending review in October.

And there's a danger it will be seen by the Treasury as a park and ride scheme, rather than the starter for phases two and three linking and promoting development of two all-new communities in outlying districts of the town. She said: "It will offer those communities a real chance of leaving the car at home and not paying out on parking. Once in the centre, people can go shopping or go on via HS1 [high-speed rail network], Eurostar and beyond."

These later stages would also get cash from the developers of the new communities, but there is perspiration being shed over funding for that crucial primary stage.

But Judith is keen to emphasise the momentum Ashford already has, especially from HS1. She is "stunned" when I admitted I have yet to travel on it.

"It's the most fantastic new rail service – 37 minutes to London, two trains an hour and great connectivity with other services. We had all this talk beforehand about fares being too expensive, but what people have realised is that the extra 20 per cent buys two extra hours in your day, when you would have been sitting on a train instead.

"An estate agent told me that not only are house inquiries up locally, but 50 per cent of inquiries are because of HS1. It's early days but we believe HS1 will enable Ashford to buck the housing market."

She sees HS1 as one of two key strengths for the Ashford plan, the other being how the town has always embraced growth and the benefits of improved facilities.But when I suggest this might be because there is less to be precious about architecturally in Ashford, she counters by pointing first to the medieval lanes of the town centre and the beauty of St Mary's Church, which is being transformed into an arts centre. She also likes the railway buildings at Newtown, testament to the town's great regional railway heritage and earmarked for refurbishment.

Current projects include redevelopment of the brownfield site at Victoria Way, rebuilding the town's station and library sites and improvements to junction nine of the M20 to pave the way to the Eureka Park development realising its one million sq ft of potential – only a third is built or available to build at present.

She keeps fit by running and orienteering, and closes the interview with an energetic call to arms for Ashford:

"All the indicators are good and it's exciting times for us when there's all this gloom and doom in the national press. Ashford has a really good message: house prices and office rents are a lot cheaper than in London, which is just 37 minutes away. Paris is less than two hours away. If you are a business in Kent, then maybe you should open another office here or move here. And we are very attractive for French and Belgian businesses who need a UK base."

JUDITH'S TOP TIPS

- Make your own future – "I left the GLC before it was abolished rather than wait for someone or something else to make my career decision for me."
- If work is a perpetual emergency then you are not working for a well-run organisation – "When I had started my family, colleagues did find it interesting at first when I said 'I'm going to catch my train and you'll have to walk with me to the station if you want to carry on talking to me'."
- A steady ship is a happy ship – organisations steeped in controversy and conflict are bad for the morale for you and the rest of the organisation. She cites her experiences at the GLC.

LOOKING AHEAD: Judith Armitt outlines her vision for Ashford

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FORMER Ramsgate Garden Centre boss Paul Dye, pictured above, has been promoted to regional manager with The Garden Centre Group, taking charge of 11 sites in Kent and East Sussex.

The 47-year-old father-of-three from Herne Bay started his career at a nursery in North Wales when he was a horticulture student. He has since worked at garden centres nationwide.

His new Kent charges in addition to Ramsgate are at Chartham, near Canterbury; Elm Court, Gillingham; Folkestone; Hamstreet, near Ashford; Paddock Wood; Tunbridge Wells; and Willesborough, Ashford; plus Sussex sites at Hastings, Lewes and Lower Dicker under his care.

Junior boffins in campus project

IN THE LAB: The young scientists

SIXTEEN young science students took part in the 13th annual Pfizer Biology Project Week at the University of Kent at Canterbury.

The A-level and International Baccalaureate pupils, chosen for their enthusiasm and commitment to the sciences, applied their skills to projects set by scientists from Pfizer's European R&D HQ in Sandwich and from the university. This year's projects included investigating the effects of dust mites on lung tissue, the potential of different compounds for preventing blood clotting, marking chromosomes to detect defects, investigating the neuro-pharmacology of bladder tissue, measuring biomarkers to detect the effects of different compounds on the body, and developing more receptors on cells.

The aim was to test the students' skills and knowledge and broaden their understanding of applied science and research techniques.

Lectures

The sixth-formers – from schools in Ashford, Broadstairs, Canterbury, Dover, Faversham, Folkestone, Maidstone, Ramsgate and Sandwich – also attended lectures and seminars led by Pfizer and academic scientists and visited the Pfizer site. In turn, the scientists judged the projects and awarded prizes on the basis of engagement, intellectual input and development in project work undertaken.

Craig Burns, of Chatham House Grammar, Ramsgate, and Jade Borda, of Dane Court School, Broadstairs, gained the opportunity for paid summer work placements at the Pfizer labs in Sandwich next summer. Rosie Henderson, of Invicta Grammar, Maidstone, was awarded a £250 prize from the University of Kent; and Ed Leggett, of King's School, Canterbury, was presented with £100 in book tokens.

The best teamwork award went to Michael Turton, of Dane Court Grammar, Broadstairs, and Hollie White, of Simon Langton Girls' Grammar, Canterbury, for their research into identifying and measuring biomarkers.

Sheridan Piper-Brown, who co-organised the Biology Project Week with fellow Pfizer scientist Holly Siggins, said: "It brought together a group of hardworking and bright students. We hope we have inspired them to become our scientists of the future."

More than 200 Kent pupils have taken part the Pfizer project since it was launched.

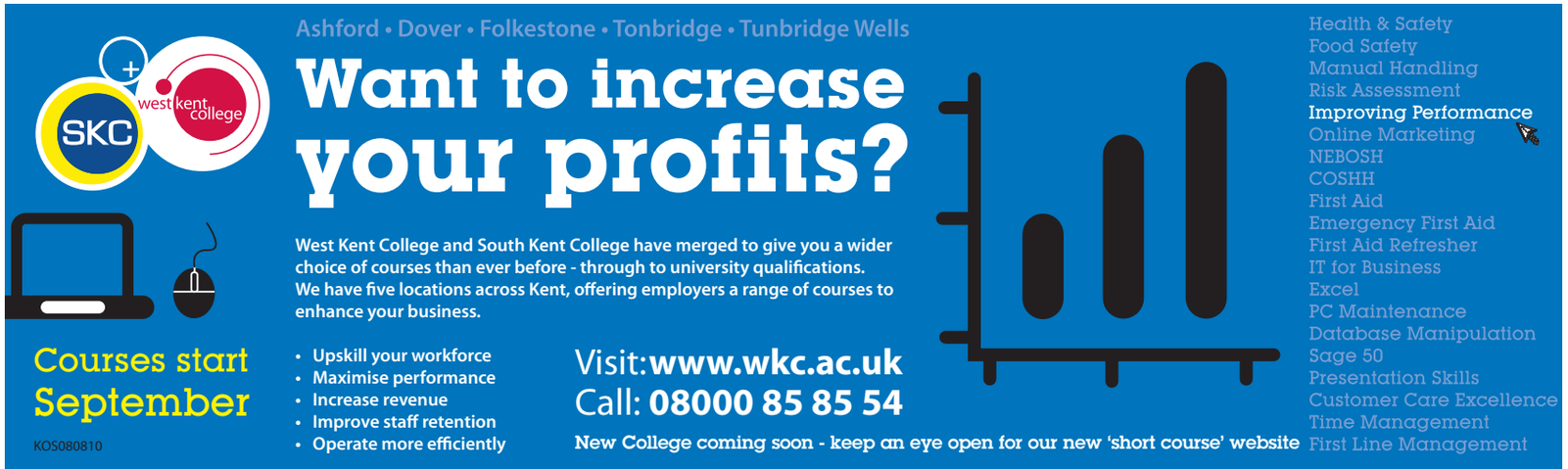
Exciting times for Anthony

INTERNATIONAL pharmaceuticals manufacturer Aesica has appointed Anthony Allcock, pictured above, to run its Kent site at Queenborough on Sheppey.

The new site operations director is from St Helens, trained as an engineer and has worked in the chemical and pharmaceuticals industry for 30 years, notably for Glaxo Smith Kline but joins Aesica after 10 years at sterile goods manufacturer Wockhardt in North Wales.

He said it was an exciting time to be joining the company: "Aesica has ambitious plans for growth in new markets across the UK and the USA."

Aesica supplies products to leading medical and pharmaceutical companies and emerging biotechnology organisations. it was founded in 2004 and has three sites in the UK plus others in New York, San Diego and Shanghai.



Going the Extras mile

TRAVEL specialist HolidayExtras.com has been selected as a top 10 UK company in the National Business Awards' BlackBerry Award for Customer Focus 2010.

The firm, based at Newingreen, near Hythe, joins other finalists from across the country to make presentations before an independent judging panel ahead of an awards ceremony on November 9 at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

ANNA DIVERS

HolidayExtras.com has also won through to the final of the awards – sponsored by Orange – against strong opposition, after entries rose 40 per cent against those for the 2009 contest and with fellow finalists including major players such as Unilever, Marks & Spencer, Coca-Cola and Co-operative Group. Anna Divers, head of customer innovation at HolidayExtras.com, said: "Over the last year HolidayExtras.com has focused on customer experience like never before, with 'hassle-free' becoming our mantra and the foundation that guides everything we do. The whole team is excited to be recognised for our customer focus, particularly as we had our commitment to customers tested to the full during the volcanic ash crisis."

Judges' spokesman Phil Forrest said: "Recognising a gap in the market with the potential to make holiday travel less stressful, the company established a range of services designed to relieve the customer of all the peripheral issues that, either through lack of forethought or natural disaster, can reduce the enjoyment of the trip."

Martin Stiven, Orange UK vice-president, said: "It's been a tough couple of years for business but organisations have not let this stop them from delivering success.

"I'd like to congratulate all the finalists for being a real inspiration for what is possible in business."

SEVERAL Kent food and drink producers are still in the hunt for the Great Taste Awards' 2010 Supreme Champion Trophy, to be awarded on Monday, September 6.

Now in their 16th year, the 2010 GTAs attracted an even higher entry level from across the UK and Ireland – 6,021 in total – and the star ratings are coveted for their product marketing value as well as kudos.

So fingers will be crossed by managers and staff at the Kent stars: fruit juice producer Moor Organics in Teynham; Herbal Health in Cranbrook; Ramsgate Brewery in Broadstairs; and Chegworth Valley Juices in Maidstone.

The Guild of Fine Food's Bob Farrand said: "It's so exciting to see the standards of food and drink in the British Isles go from strength to strength, year after year, proving that for those who enjoy great food it's there to be discovered."

BEACH LIFE: Visit Kent has produced an eye-catching series of Garden of England posters to promote its tourism initiatives, including this one of Botany Bay, Broadstairs

Staycation to station

VISIT Kent has launched a new campaign to help the county's tourist attractions cash in on the 'staycation' trend.

Noting that foreign holidays are off the agenda for many cash-strapped families, the award-winning marketing organisation has again teamed up with rail company Southeastern to make a day out or short break to the county better value by train.

For the second summer running, visitors travelling to or around Kent by train can take advantage of '2FOR1' offers on a huge number of attractions throughout the county.

On presentation of a voucher and a valid train ticket, visitors can enjoy deals at attractions such as Dover Castle, Hever Castle, Chatham Historic Dockyard and Quex Park. Restaurants and hotels are also joining the campaign, which has jam-busting benefits, saves on parking and can tap into the new high-speed rail link with London. Find out more via www.visitkentbytrain.co.uk.

Visit Kent chair Amanda Cottrell said: "We're delighted to be working with Southeastern and our tourism partners again.

"This campaign enables us to promote an entire package: travel, accommodation, food and drink and Kent's attractions, all with huge discounts. It's great for families who want to have fun and great value for money."

NEXT WEEK: Business Week Spotlight will focus on the finance and legal sectors

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LEEDS CASTLE KENT, ENGLAND

Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 50 years

1960 **50 YEARS AGO:** THE 23-year-old striker Eddie McManus was drafted straight into the Gillingham squad for their trip to Chester on the opening day of the Division Four season – Gillingham's 10th in the Football League.

McManus, who lived in Gravesend, signed on a trial basis from AFC Bournemouth as cover for the suspended Pat Terry.

Bryan Busby was poised to make his debut for Maidstone United, replacing Dennis Cutbush, who was playing for an Isthmian League representative side at Tooting & Mitcham.

Gravesend & Northfleet unveiled seven new players for their opening Southern League fixture with Cheltenham Town.

Stan Anslow, 27, joined as captain from Millwall, while John Bailey of Portsmouth was also available, despite breaking a finger in a trial game watched by more than 1,200 people at Stonebridge Road.

1985 **25 YEARS AGO:** BARRY Fry led with his chin by stating: "Nothing but the title will suit us," as Maidstone United began their Gola League campaign.

Fry, the United boss, was hoping to clinch a deal with Brentford for former Gillingham striker Steve Butler, but the move hinged on Brentford signing Michael Robinson from QPR.

The other singings Fry made in pursuit of the title were Kevin Millett, Mickey Joyce and the former national grass track champion Tony Reynolds from Ashford Town.

They proved moderately successful, while Richard Tiltman, Ian Ferguson and Mike Pittaway made less of an impact and Steve Brinkman had a heart attack within weeks of joining the club.

2000 **10 YEARS AGO:** GILLINGHAM made a sensational start to their Division One campaign, their first-ever season in the second tier of English football, when Guy Butters (inset) gave them the lead after just 64 seconds against Stockport County.

However, the euphoria proved short-lived as Ian Moore, an £800,000 signing from Nottingham Forest, quickly equalised.

Leighton Maxwell added a second before the break and County scored a third in the second-half to clinch the points.

Hucking trainer John Best enjoyed the best win of his career when Santiburi Girl won a three-mile race at Redcar, despite a 300-mile journey which began at 5.30am.

Tour of Britain ready to see House built on rest and recuperation

By DAVID PRITCHARD

ROTATION policies are not always popular in any sport, but Kristian House is feeling the benefit of regular rests this season as he prepares for the Tour of Britain next month.

The former national road race champion is in France this weekend in the four-day Mi Aout Bretagne in northern France, which finishes on Sunday.

It is the final big event before the focus switches to the Tour of Britain.

House, who grew up near Canterbury, is in good form after winning the Richmond Grand Prix earlier this month, and has welcomed his Rapha Condor Sharp team's willingness to rest their riders during the long season.

He said: "I've taken care of myself throughout the year with all the travelling we've done.

"It comes with experience and a manager like John [Herety] who is able to pre-empt you being ill or tired. He switches riders out a lot and gives you enough rest.

Highlight

"It means we stay relatively fresh and you don't get in a situation where you see other teams are lugging through races."

The extra energy could make all the difference come the critical points in the Tour of Britain, which is the highlight on the domestic cycling calendar.

House was named among Rapha's provisional team last week and has already ridden one of the stages in preparation. This week he will try out the two stages in the south west which offer the best chance of a stage victory.

As with the course in Richmond they are undulating, which suits the 30-year-old, who finished 10th overall in last year's race.

He said: "I've been focusing on climbing to hopefully get into contention for a stage win.

"I'm not an out-and-out climber, but I can dig in and I like the climbs because they weed out some of the less strong riders."

Picture: TOUR OF BRITAIN

IN THE GROOVE: Kristian House (white) is in fine form going into next month's Tour of Britain

Confident Camier overshadows shakey Byrne

WORLD superbike riders Leon Camier and Shane Byrne will assess their options for next year as the season enters its summer break, ***writes Tom Howard***.

The two riders have endured contrasting seasons in the world championship, and with three meetings remaining, contract talks for next season will become a priority for the riders.

After a stunning ride from 16th to third in the last round of the championship at Silverstone, Camier has underlined his potential for success in the series.

The 23-year-old from Ashford is eighth in the standings and has visited the podium on three occasions in his debut season.

The works Aprilia rider has caught the attention of many in the paddock and has revealed there is a possibility of a second year with his team in the pipeline.

CHANGE IN FORTUNES: Leon Camier (left) and Shane Byrne (right)

Camier said: "I'm hoping to hear something when we get close to the German round (September 5) of the championship.

"We were waiting on a few things from Aprilia. They have an option on me for a second year, but a few technical things have to be finalised. I would like to stay with them. I've had plenty of interest and possible offers from several manufacturers, so we are definitely in a good position."

While Camier looks set to stay in the championship next season, Byrne's future in the series is less secure. The 34-year-old from Sheppey has endured a frustrating season with Althea Ducati and sits 12th in the standings.

Shakey is yet to record a top-five finish this season and has only beaten team-mate Carlos Checa on three occasions.

The two-time British champion says he wants to stay with the team for 2011, but admitted he isn't expecting a wide range of offers for next year.

He said: "I'm not at the top of everyone's shopping list, so the decision where I ride will come after the others have made their minds up, but once that happens, we'll see what else is available.

"Althea is a great team, so it'd be cool to stay here."

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Spencer's dreaming of being World Cup winner

Home tournament spur for England skipper

By STEVE TERVET

ENGLAND captain Catherine Spencer leads her side out for the rugby World Cup opener on Friday evening and admits she cannot help but dream of lifting the trophy.

The host nation begin their campaign against Ireland at the Surrey Sports Park in Guildford and Spencer is desperate to banish the memories of four years ago, when England lost 25-17 to New Zealand in the 2006 World Cup final.

Having started her rugby career with Folkestone, the Bristol number eight now has the opportunity to claim the sport's biggest prize on home soil – an opportunity she says England cannot afford to miss.

The England squad have been together since Tuesday following a series of training camps and Spencer, who was born in Ashford, believes her side are ready for the challenge that lies ahead.

The 31-year-old said: "We've got to focus on our rugby, but having a World Cup on home soil, it's hard not to look at the bigger picture. We've got to relish it.

"We know we've got the potential to do it.

"We've got to make sure we switch on when it counts, in the game. We're a really good team, we've shown it before, so we have to keep it together now."

Positive

England go into the tournament in fine shape, having won the last five Six Nations championships and swept to the Grand Slam in this year's competition.

Having lost to New Zealand in the last two World Cup finals, England once again know they must find a way past the Black Ferns, but Spencer's side will not fear the holders, having beaten them 10-3 at Twickenham last November.

Spencer said: "We've always had pressure on us – every year, in the Six Nations, there's pressure on us to perform. It's a good thing for us, we seem to perform well in that situation and hopefully having the World Cup on home soil will be a positive.

"For some of us there won't be another World Cup, and for all of us there won't be another World Cup on home soil.

"We really want to make the most of it and we know we can do it."

Former Medway centre Rachael Burford is also included in the England squad, who complete their tournament fixtures by taking on Kazakhstan next Tuesday, and the United States on August 28.

All three of England's pool fixtures will be shown live on Sky Sports, with the Ireland game kicking off at 6.30pm.

Spencer said: "It's hard not to think about [captaining England to victory], but I have to not think that far ahead. It's a massive honour to be captain, very few people get to do that and I'm one of the lucky few."

STRONG FINISH: Catherine Spencer is ready for the World Cup which is on home soil

Picture: ADY KERRY

ROAD TRIP: Nat Seymour travels to Argentina

Seymour buoyed by national call

NATALIE Seymour's international career will go up a notch later this month after being included in England's squad for the women's Hockey World Cup.

The 23-year-old was included in the 18-strong squad named this week to travel to Argentina for the tournament, which is second only in importance to the Olympics.

Seymour has become established as a regular starter over the last 12 months and featured in every game at last month's Champions Trophy, where England won a bronze medal.

The Canterbury ladies defender has amassed 41 caps for England and Great Britain, but is expecting the tournament in Rosario to be bigger and better than anything she has experienced so far.

"It's amazing, just fantastic news," she said.

"I'm obviously delighted really, when you start playing senior international hockey, going to a World Cup is one of the first things you think about. Being in Argentina will be amazing because women's hockey is huge out there so it could be some of the biggest crowds I'll play in front of."

England's women begin their campaign against Spain on August 29.

In the men's team, Chatham-born Ashley Jackson played every game as England finished runners-up at the Champions Trophy in Germany. It marked the team's best-ever finish at the tournament and moved them up to fourth in the world.

HM Customs clip Wings over cash

WELLING United have been served with a winding-up petition over money owed to HM Revenue & Customs.

The Wings' case is due to be heard later this month. A club statement blamed the problem on the collapse of a takeover deal, which broke down last weekend.

It reads: "The matter looked to have been resolved until last weekend when a new owner, who seemed certain to secure the club's long-term future, disappeared just before completion of the deal. The club remain optimistic everything can be resolved with the backing of those who wish to see the Wings not only survive, but prosper in the future."

Norton hold key to City's groundshare

CANTERBURY City have lined up a move to groundshare with Herne Bay at Winch's Field this season.

NEW: Canterbury City

It hinges on Norton Sports, who have shared the ground for the last two seasons, heading back to Woodstock Park in Sittingbourne once improvements are completed and approved at the ground. Regulations mean Norton must play all their games at Winch's Field until they are knocked out of the FA Cup and FA Vase.

City's first-team will continue to play at Hersden until Norton move out.

FLAT OUT: Workers tarmacing at Brands

Circuit is an even smoother operator

BRANDS Hatch have completed an overhaul of their Indy circuit with the installation of a new tarmac surface.

The resurfacing of the 1.2-mile surface began last winter, but snow saw the project halted ahead of the new season.

However, a team of 40 workers relayed the final stretch this week. It will be used for the first time today, when the circuit hosts the Dunlop Great & British Festival.

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ALL SMILES: Malinga Bandara is congratulated after claiming five wickets, while James Hockley was released this week

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Survival hopes lifted as confidence grows

By GLENN PEARSON

CONFIDENCE is the buzzword around St Lawrence this week as Kent strengthened their hopes of remaining in Division One of the LV= County Championship.

A 99-run win against Essex at the start of Canterbury Cricket Week was followed up by a draw against Somerset last week, although on the evidence of their negative last day tactics against Kent in which Marcus Trescothick decided to bat all day, their bid for a first-ever championship title looks set to go on a bit longer.

Rob Key's side followed that draw with a convincing eight-wicket win against Leicestershire last Sunday, a game in which Sri Lanka leg-spinner Malinga Bandara returned figures of 5 for 35, to take Kent's unbeaten record to three in all competitions.

Most importantly, the county are starting to put some good performances together in the championship, a competition in which staying in the top tier is their sole priority for the remainder of the season.

Crucially, the likes of Martin van Jaarsveld and Geraint Jones – who hit a career-best 178 against Somerset – are starting to come into some real form, while off-spinner James Tredwell, who has looked out of sorts at times this summer, looked back to his best in taking 5 for 95 in the same game.

Head coach Paul Farbrace believes Kent's upturn in fortune is down to being able to field their best team, which includes all-rounder Azhar Mahmood, together with the confidence that winning games brings.

"The good thing is in championship cricket we have put out our best team two games running, which helps, and we have taken a lot of confidence from the win against Essex," he said.

"The top four are getting some confidence now and are scoring runs. Keysey has a big score around the corner, Joe [Denly] has a big hundred in him and there is a lot of good happening within our team.

"The confidence in the team is starting to come good and cricket is a huge game for that. It shows the fight in the team and I think that's an impressive trait to have.

"Even though it has not been the greatest season and people could have started thinking about the winter, our mentality hasn't been about survival, it's about finishing as high as we can and that's the way it has to be."

The club released James Hockley this week after the Beckenham-born batsman struggled to nail down a place in the side.

It was the 31-year-old's second stint at St Lawrence having previously made his first-class debut in 1998, but the club chose to release him before the end of the season, as they did with Rob Ferley and Warren Lee last month, to give several youngsters a chance to play in second-team cricket before the end of the season.

Farbrace said: "[Hockley] has given it a real go to be successful this time around and unfortunately that hasn't worked.

"At his age he needed to be figuring in first-team cricket and as he wasn't doing that we decided to release him early to allow him to concentrate on his teaching."

Picture: ADY KERRY

HIT: Tom Dallas will be the main attraction

Outdoor show plans switched

A BOXING promoter is considering holding a fight night showcasing the county's best talent at the revamped Medway Park after plans to host an outdoor show this summer had to be shelved, ***writes David Pritchard***.

Mark Roe was hoping to attract 1,500 spectators to an open-air event held at Lordswood Football Club's Martyn Grove. Undefeated Chatham heavyweight Tom Dallas, who is managed by Roe, was due to be the main attraction on the bill, which was also set to include a host of the county's other top names.

The event in July had to be postponed after organisers discovered they had not applied for the relevant licence from Medway Council. They initially hoped the show could be rearranged for later this month, but with no guarantees over if and when the licence would be granted, it made rescheduling before the end of the summer impractical.

Licence

Roe, who hopes to run the event next summer, said: "To make the date up would have been awkward. We needed dates to print tickets and posters. It will definitely be getting under way and if we have to wait another season that's unfortunately what we've got to do."

Despite the disappointment, an alternative night at Medway Park is now a possibility, although Roe would have to apply for the relevant licence. As part of the £11 million redevelopment of the Black Lion Leisure Centre the project built a 12-court sports hall, which is capable of hosting a variety of events, including boxing.

Roe is hoping to speak to the council to clarify the details, but is optimistic a similar bill to the Lordswood night, which was due to include Ramsgate brothers Scott and Vinny Woolford and Gavin Tait from Sheerness, could be arranged before the end of the year.

He said: "I've got to speak to the people in charge, but if we can make some arrangements we shouldn't have a problem, it would be a fantastic venue. The line-up wouldn't change, one of the ideas of the Lordswood show was to bring boxing back to Kent using Kent boys on the bill.

"I want to parade Tom [Dallas] down there. We have a future British heavyweight champion on our hands and we need to get that out there."

Dallas is next due in the ring at a show in Newham, east London, in October.

County contingent await Commonwealth Games call-up

ATHLETES from across the county face an anxious wait to find out if they will be selected to represent England in the Commonwealth Games.

The national squad is due to be announced on Wednesday with a host of Kent athletes all hoping they will make the trip to October's championships in Delhi, India.

While Ashford's Lisa Dobriskey is expected to defend her 1500-metre title, Blackheath & Bromley distance runners Mike Skinner and Scott Overall are both hoping to be on the plane to India. The pair have represented Great Britain in previous championships in the 5,000m and 10,000m.

Also in the mix for selection will be 100m sprinter Montell Douglas. The 23-year-old, who grew up in Chatham, was part of Great Britain's European Athletics Championship squad earlier this month. After recovering from an ankle injury, she will be keen to banish the memory of an error-strewn 4x100m relay at Barcelona two weeks ago.

One athlete who could be set to make his major championship debut is walker Tom Bosworth. The 20-year-old Tonbridge athlete has enjoyed his best season which has seen him climb into third in the 5K and 20K walk national rankings.

After finishing second in the UK Championships and winning the national 20K Championships, he hopes his performances will be recognised with an England call this week.

He said: "I'm quietly confident I will make it into the squad. At the moment the Commonwealth Games is all that is running through my head. I've been sent all the emails about kit sizes so it's just a case of waiting now. To be selected for this championship would be hard to put into words. Two years ago I never ever thought I would be in this position."

Blackheath & Bromley's world junior champion, Sophie Hitchon (hammer), is another in line to receive a call-up, while team-mate Dan Putnam (400m) and Maidstone's Jack Green (400m hurdles) could also be considered.

It's likely Kent could be represented in both England's men's and women's hockey squads, with Canterbury's Natalie Seymour and Chatham's Ashley Jackson expected for selection.

Picture: ADY KERRY

ANXIOUS WAIT: From left, Tom Bosworth, Scott Overall and 100m sprinter Montell Douglas

Hess faces headache of offloading players

By DAVID PRITCHARD

SELLING Gillingham's out of favour players before the transfer window closes this month looks set to be a struggle for boss Andy Hessenthaler.

Summer signings have swelled the first-team squad to 28 players, around half a dozen more than Hessenthaler wanted when he took over in May.

After assessing the squad for several weeks in pre-season, the Gills manager has identified "one or two" he would ideally like to permanently get off the wage bill.

The players in question had not yet been told by the time Kent on Sunday went to press, but time is running out to put them on the market. It is only just over a fortnight until the transfer window shuts on August 31, after which point the players can only be offloaded as loans until the window re-opens in the New Year.

Hessenthaler conceded it would be difficult to agree deals.

"We have got to do something, but the problem is it's not easy to move players on," he said. "There are players on good money at the club and the market is pretty poor financially. It's not going to be as simple as saying 'you're not in my plans' and these players get clubs.

"I think we'll struggle to move them on. In the transfer market there's no money about, especially in the lower divisions.

"Unfortunately for our players we have just gone down and we're a League Two club. For these players not in the team it's not going to be easy.

"If we can do it before the window shuts then great, but if not then maybe we'll have to try and get them out on loan."

Hessenthaler stopped short of identifying which players he would like to move on, but his acquisitions have left some players more vulnerable than others.

Adebayo Akinfenwa's arrival, one of four new strikers to join this summer, could leave Mark McCammon surplus to requirements. The forward has struggled with injuries since signing two seasons ago, restricting him to just 24 league starts, and may find himself further down the pecking order once Cody McDonald returns to fitness.

An increased role for Jack Payne in central midfield this season, combined with the signings of Danny Spiller and Stanley Aborah, may also have Danny Jackman and Kevin Maher looking nervously over their shoulders.

Despite the large squad, Gillingham have been plagued with injuries so far, with nine players unavailable for the 4-1 Carling Cup defeat at Norwich on Tuesday.

The pressure to sell was increased by the addition of former Crystal Palace defender Matt Lawrence on Thursday. The 36-year-old, released by Palace earlier this summer, signed a one-year deal to strengthen the squad's threadbare defensive options.

Able to play anywhere at the back, Lawrence was expected to make his debut in yesterday's trip to Hereford United.

ON THEIR WAY?: Mark McCammon (top left), Danny Jackman (bottom) and Kevin Maher (above) could all be surplus to Gills needs

Pictures: ADY KERRY

Ashford could be first team in new 'step six' league

PROGRESS is finally being made on talks to introduce a long-awaited new division to the Kent non-league football scene, with Ashford Town potentially among the inaugural intake.

The county is one of a handful without access to a division at step six in the football pyramid, with a gap between the County League (step seven) and the Kent League (step five).

The aim is to have it up and running for next season, which would coincide with Ashford's re-introduction following the club's decision to withdraw for competitive football this season due to boardroom problems.

After resigning from the Ryman League, the Nuts and Bolts were initially hoping to restart in the Kent League next August, but the inactivity could see them placed lower down the pyramid.

Denise Richmond, chairman of the Kent League, said: "I think we'd still support an application [from Ashford] next year, but having gone out of the system they would have to go to the FA first, who would decide where they went.

"If step six forms in time they could be there."

Even if the new division is in place the FA could opt to readmit Ashford into the County League.

After a slow start, progress on step six has been sped up by the implementation of a steering group. The key accomplishment so far has been reaching an agreement on revised ground grading criteria, giving clubs four years to make the necessary improvements.

The FA will examine the proposals next month.

Picture: IGOR KUPCO

WAITING: Ashford will return next year

Battle on to be county's second best

THE battle to become the county's second biggest club began this weekend with five sides aiming for promotion to non-league football's top tier, ***writes Tom Howard***.

Since the inception of the Conference in 1979, the county has never had more than three representatives in the division in a single season. This season Dover Athletic, Dartford, Ebbsfleet United, Welling United and Bromley will do battle in Conference South and all five have realistic ambitions of promotion.

After finishing as the runner-up in the division last year, Dover Athletic have already been made the bookies' favourites for the title, despite a change of management during the summer.

Former Arsenal midfielder Martin Hayes has taken over at Dover and after keeping the majority of last season's squad and adding key signings in former Bristol Rovers striker Ben Hunt and promising winger Harry Baker, chairman Jim Parmenter expects the Whites to be in the thick of the promotion race.

Parmenter said: "Martin has brought four or five players in and we're looking forward to the season. We are in it to win it."

Pictures: DAVE PLUMB/SIMON HARRIS

RIVALS: Ebbsfleet and Dover in contention

For reigning Ryman Premier champions Dartford, Conference football is a new era for the club as the Darts have never played at that level before.

Manager Tony Burman is not prepared to settle for survival and has bought well in the summer with highly-rated striker Charlie Sheringham joining the club.

Burman said: "People's expectations may not be as high as mine and I want to put myself under that pressure to do well and finish as high as we can. I'm pleased with what I have been able to bring in, but these players have got to gel and that might take a bit of time."

Relegation from Conference National and a mass exodus of players left Ebbsfleet United reeling at the start of the summer, but once again manager Liam Daish has built a competitive squad almost entirely from scratch.

The Fleet lost Lance Cronin, Darius Charles and Magno Vieira among others, but the arrival of Preston Edwards, Paul Lorraine and Calum Willock has given Fleet fans reason to believe they can bounce straight back up.

Daish said: "There are a lot of well-run clubs that are pushing to get into where we've been. We're probably in better shape [than a year ago] because I've been able to get players with a little bit more experience than the lads we dealt with last year."

Bromley and Welling United both flirted with the play-offs last season and judging by their pre-season form, both could find themselves fighting for promotion.

Results from yesterday's opening league games are available on www.kentsport.co.uk.

Folb's Maidstone takeover edges a step closer

LASHINGS say they are "making progress" towards offering a formal proposal to take charge of Maidstone United this week.

Glenn Aitken, the former Stones player charged with handling negotiations by David Folb, owner of the Lashings World XI Cricket Club, has had several meetings with club officials and sounded out a number of fans when he attended the pre-season friendly with Faversham at Salters Lane last Saturday.

"It was great to meet fans I knew from my days at the Stones," said Aitken, a former chief executive of Gravesend & Northfleet.

"They remain enthusiastic and agree that we must get the club back home."

Folb has frequently expressed an interest in buying the club he grew up supporting. He was briefly involved with the newly-formed Maidstone Invicta side in 1992, and made tentative enquiries about buying the Stones in 2004.

These were rebuffed, as was a more serious approach in December 2008, but with the club now in debt and with £100,000 owed to shareholder Oliver Ash, many supporters see a takeover as the only way Maidstone United can survive in its present form.

Lashings are now believed to be studying the relevant documentation with a view to making a formal proposal as soon as is feasible, although Aitken would not be drawn on giving an exact timescale.

"There is no doubt the Lashings influence can add to the success of running Maidstone United going forward," he said. "However, the question remains as to how a deal can be done to effect a clean takeover."

Fuller hopes for end to injury jinx

FRUSTRATED Gillingham captain Barry Fuller is hoping he has used up his injury bad luck for this season after missing the League Two kick-off with a knee problem.

Picture: ADY KERRY

The full-back picked up the injury in a pre-season friendly at Ebbsfleet three weeks ago and is targeting next weekend's home game against Lincoln City for a return.

Fuller (inset) has endured several injuries during his time at Priestfield, including a broken nose last season. Now the 25-year-old is looking to put the problems behind him and play a full role for the rest of the campaign.

He said: "I wouldn't say I'm an injury prone player, the injuries I have picked up here have mainly been freak broken bones. I'm not too disheartened, they normally seem to come at a crucial stage in the season, so hopefully this will be my injury out of the way at the start."

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DOBRISKEY'S DELHI BOUND

Commonwealth champion makes U-turn over defending title after failure at Euros

EXCLUSIVE

By **TOM HOWARD**

LISA Dobriskey looks set to defend her 1500-metre title at the Commonwealth Games later this year.

The Kent middle-distance runner has previously been apprehensive in committing to race in October's Commonwealth Games in India, but after failing to finish in a medal-winning position at this month's European Championships, she now wants to defend the title she won in 2006.

The 26-year-old world silver medallist from Ashford, who finished fourth at the European championships in Barcelona after a tactically poor race, returned to the track this weekend at the London Grand Prix Diamond League event.

She will assess her options after the race in Crystal Palace but is expected to announce her availability before the England squad is announced on Wednesday.

She said: "We've had a chat about it and I think I'm going to go ahead with the Commonwealth Games now.

"I did always say if I underperformed and didn't quite fulfill my ambitions at the European Championships then I would consider the Commonwealth Games.

"Before I confirm I will see how things go at Crystal Palace, but things are moving in the right direction and it is on the cards."

Several athletes such as Olympic gold medal cyclist Sir Chris Hoy and world heptathlete champion Jessica Ennis have expressed their concerns regarding the level of security ahead of the Games and have decided to pull out.

Picture: ADY KERRY

PASSAGE TO INDIA: Lisa Dobriskey was initially worried about security fears in Delhi

However, with the title that launched her onto the world athletics scene four years ago to defend, she is excited about competing for her country.

She said: "It's a great feeling to try and defend my title. Going into the Games as the defending champion does bring the added pressure to perform. The past couple of years I've been very lucky as I have been going into races as a medal contender, I can run a very different race then. The more experience of pressure situations I get should put me in good stead for London 2012."

Although disappointed not to secure at least a medal from the European Championships, she says the experience has taught her valuable lessons which will be addressed ahead of the Olympics in two years' time.

Dobriskey looked to be in prime position to strike for the gold going into the final lap in Barcelona but was outmuscled and boxed in.

She was unable to launch into a sprint finish and reflecting on the race she says a dose of aggression is needed in order to become a future Olympic champion.

She said: "My biggest weakness is defending my position. Sometimes I work so hard to get into a good position, then a couple of strides later I let people push me out.

"I do need to definitely be a lot more assertive and more aggressive. I think the fact that it's not really in my nature means I need to learn to do that.

"I went into the race with the attitude that I was not necessarily running for a medal, but running to win gold. We knew with those tactics there was a possibility I might come away empty handed. In the 1500m it is not always the best athlete with the quickest time that wins the race."

Break gives players a chance to heal

THE KENT squad return to training on Monday after a week of rest which has allowed several players with injuries time to heal before what will be a crucial last month of the summer.

Simon Cook was only able to play a bit-part role in last week's draw with Somerset after a finger injury prevented him bowling, while Geraint Jones picked up a niggling injury during his career-best 178.

Skipper Rob Key will also benefit from the break as he has only just returned after a broken finger, which means the side should be close to full strength for Wednesday's LV= County Championship game with Lancashire at St Lawrence.

The only senior player unavailable is Robbie Joseph, who continues to suffer with a shoulder strain, while Azhar Mahmood is unlikely to feature after having played back-to-back championship games against Essex and Somerset.

Picture: ADY KERRY

OFF: Geraint Jones will benefit from rest

The players have been given the time off before two days of intense training starting tomorrow, and head coach Paul Farbrace expects the time away from the game to have done his side some good.

"I think it has come at a good time," he said. "Players have gone into the rest period full of confidence.

"They have all been tasked with thinking very carefully about how they need to play over the last five or six weeks of the season, and what they need to do rather than getting caught up in the points we need. People are starting to take responsibility for their own game and we are seeing the rewards of that."

Farbrace spent his time off watching the second-team against the MCC Universities at Fenners this week where he ran the rule over triallists Will Rudge (Gloucestershire), Paul Muchall (Durham) and Luke Radford (Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Derbyshire).

He said: "It was a chance to have a look at them to see if there is scope for one or two of those for next season."